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VARGAS BACK IN THE BIG LEAGUE

GREEN Gully's Rodrigo Vargas has been handed another opportunity to perform at football's elite level after putting pen to paper with Melbourne Victory last week.

A five-year member of the Melbourne Knights in the National Soccer League, Vargas, 27, has called Green Gully home for the past three years after he was one of many players forced to ply their trade at state level after the disbandment of Australia's national competition in 2004.

Winner of the Bill Fleming Medal and Gully's player of the year award after his stellar 2005 season where he scored seven goals and was instrumental in the Cavaliers claiming the Victorian Premier League, the Vargas/Green Gully partnership came to a memorable end last weekend with the club producing a spirited 3-2 victory over Fawkner-Whittlesea.

Speaking prior to jetting out with the Victory tour party for the opening round of the A-League Pre-Season Cup in Launceston against Adelaide United, Vargas conveyed that his return to football's top flight was a culmination of his consistency during his time at Green Gully as well as his flexibility as a defender.

``It is every player's ambition to play at the top level and, you know, everyone goes out there and wants to do their best and hope that someone's watching them,'' Vargas said.

``I had a pretty consistent year and I got picked up.

``It just goes to show that if you're consistent and do well in the Premier League there are people watching and I guess Ernie (Merrick, Melbourne Victory coach) had been watching me this year and last year.

``Ernie spoke to me and said that one of the reasons that he brought me down was because I was pretty versatile and can fill a number of spots on the ground. I'm pretty much comfortable anywhere in the backline: stopper, sweeper, left back, and right back.''

Prior to Victory's flight across Bass Strait it was intimated that Vargas would make an appearance for his new club.

That prophecy proved correct with the defender not only starting the match but also running out the full 90 minutes in Melbourne's luckless 1-0 loss to the South Australian outfit.

With his pre-season friendly form catching the eye of Merrick, a solid performance in the pre-season competition may see Vargas press his claims for a spot in the Victory squad for their Round 1 encounter against Adelaide at Olympic Park.

``I'm just happy to be playing in the A-League, whether it's just for one year or five years I'll make the most of my opportunities,'' Vargas said.

``Obviously one of my goals is to play as many play games as possible and break into the first 11.

`` And hopefully remain injury free and help Victory to the finals series.

``It looks like its going to be a good season with the signings they've made, and I'm the sure the club is looking to make finals.''

Victory's gain is Gully's loss with the transfer of the key defender coming at an inopportune time for the reigning premier's who, with seven rounds remaining, are in a dogfight to preserve their Premier League status.

It is a predicament that leaves Vargas with a tinge of compunction.

``That was one of the things I felt hard to deal with because of the situation the club is in and obviously having to leave my teammates and a great group of guys,'' he said.

``But the club was very understanding and the boys were very understanding, they obviously know I'm moving onto something else and the club was great in that way.''

By Chris Vernuccio

Above: Last year's Bill Fleming Medal winner Rod Vargas in the Victory strip. Vargas's aerial abilty will be a huge asset as the Victory aim to make ammends for last year's dissapointing season

Adelaide defeats Melbourne in Cup opener

0 MVFC

1 Adelaide Utd

Melbourne Victory's Adelaide curse continued in Launceston yesterday in Round One of the Pre-Season Cup, going down 1-0 in front of 6,834 appreciative fans.

Despite dominating the contest, Melbourne left Aurora stadium empty handed after United veteran Carl Veart smashed home the winner in the 65th minute.

"It's only been seven games," Victory coach Ernie Merrick quipped after the match, referring to the streak of scoreless matches against their South Australian nemesis.

"I felt we controlled the midfield with Grant (Brebner) and Kevin (Muscat), and created lots of good quality chances. "Adelaide had one shot and scored from it."

The goal resulted from a bizarre set of circumstances. Adelaide turned over possession in midfield, but referee Matthew Breeze brought play back for an offside infringement, despite Melbourne already being in possession. From the resultant free kick, Adrian Leijer mis-kicked straight to Adelaide's Travis Dodd who squared for Veart to finish in the only scoring activity for the match.

"I can't blame Adrian," Merrick said. "He had a brilliant match, and to make one mistake is really tough."

Melbourne's Brazilian recruit Fred and Perth Glory recruit Adrian Caceres, turned on an exhibition for the Tasmanian fans, treating them to wave after wave of attack, penetrating behind the Adelaide defence on numerous occasions.

"Fred was great today. We were a little bit inexperienced in midfield last season, so to be able to play Kevin, Grant and Fred together is terrific for us."

Melbourne began to exert its dominance in the first 10 minutes of the match, and was rewarded with a free kick after Adelaide goalkeeper Robert Bajic handled just outside the box. Scottish recruit Grant Brebner whipped in an excellent free kick which was glanced into the goal by Fred, only for the effort to be ruled out for offside.

In the second half, Melbourne again looked the side more likely to score, even after Kristian Sarkies replaced Brazilian import Claudinho in the 55th minute.

It took just 5 minutes for the Qantas Socceroo to launch his own attempt on target, after Daniel Allsopp's one-on-one shot rebounded to Sarkies, with Bajic producing yet another save to keep the match goalless.

Adelaide's goal heralded a purple patch for the Reds and Greg Owens struck a fierce shot in the 67th minute which was well saved by Galekovic.

Melbourne's job was made all the more difficult after Steve Pantelidis was shown a red card for a second bookable offence in the 74th minute.

Despite the result, Merrick was on the front foot post-match, assuring fans that the team would be playing finals football come the end of the season.

"I've just got back from Italy, actually, looking at a couple of players from Juventus," Merrick joked. "We'll be in the finals this year so I needed to take a break early," Merrick said.

Courtesy of MVFC.

Carl Veart's lone strike undid the Victory yet again

Melbourne Victory 0
Adelaide United 1 (Veart 65)
Crowd: 6,834 at Aurora Stadium, Launceston
Starting lineups:
Melbourne Victory: Galekovic, Leijer, Vargas, Byrnes (Storey 80), Pantelidis, Muscat, Brebner, Caceres, Fred, Claudinho (Sarkies 55), Allsopp.
Adelaide United: Bajic, Alagich, Valkanis, Costanzo, Cornthwaite, Goulding, Kemp (Burns 73), Dodd, Spagnuolo (Van Dommel 86), Veart, Owens.
Cards:
Yellow cards:
Melbourne Victory: Vargas 20, Muscat 44
Adelaide United: Bajic 14, Dodd 76, Spagnuolo 77
Red Cards:
Melbourne Victory: Steve Pantelidis 74
Referee: Matthew Breeze

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VODAFONE CUP DETAILS

ROUND 20 SCOREBOARD

ALTONA MAGIC 0 -1 RICHMOND EAGLES
Saturday 15th July Paisley Park Reserve

Goals: F.O'Colmain (RE) 80th min.
Yellow cards: None.
Red cards: None.

Magic: B.Jevdevic, S.Mrkela, L.Osman, A.Opazo, S.Becvinovski, T.Razov (I.Kolevski 65th), A.Sherifovski, I.Arsovski (S.Zilic 65th), I.Razov, D.Vasilevski.

Eagles: R.Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville, S.McCluskey, N.Bahnsen, D.Visevic (X.Sulemani 65th), T.Celentano (E.Karavitis 86th), S.Sivic, V.Korcarevski (F.O'Colmain 68th), J.Robinson.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 - 3 PRESTON LIONS
Sunday 16th July BT Connor Reserve

Goals:M.Gasparis (PL) 64th min, S.Pace (PL) 80th min, A.Magnacca (PL) 88th min.
Yellow cards: Y.Galanos (PL) 74th, B.Oucin (FP) 75th.
Red cards: None.

Pines: K.Nclvor, J.Cumming, M.Anderson (N.D'Angelo 90th), T.Malcolm (B.Cullen 73rd), C.Metcalfe, B.Oucin, C.Jones, C.Stewart, N.Waite, C.Leopold, D.D'Angelo.

Lions:S.Odzemir, L.Anastasiou, T.Devrimal, M.Gasparis, B.Gorgioski (Y.Galanos 61st), N.Lazarevski (G.Petrovski 83rd), A.Magnacca, S.Pace, P.Siveski, E.Karahan, Y.Said (Z.Younan 53rd).

OAKLEIGH CANNONS 2 -1 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
Sunday 16th July Jack Edwards Reserve

Goals: A.Baresic (MK) 6th min, G.Giannou (OC) 11th min, E.Masi (OC) 70th min.
Yellow cards:
Red cards:

Cannons: S.Webster, F.Rosman, S.Laurie, S.Poutakidis, G.Goutzioulis, B.Damianos, S.Webster, C.Boutsianis, G.Giannou, E.Masi, A.Kovacic.

Lions:A.Cagalj, N.Antic, R.Casey, J.Kozic, B.Radman, G.Talevski, BChesson, A.Muzaferovic, M.Ladnjac, M.dugandzic, A.Baresic,

GREEN GULLY 3 – 0 KINGSTON CITY
Sunday 16th July Green Gully Reserve

Goals:
Yellow cards:
Red cards:

Gully: Ante Loncaric, Phillip Riccobene, Dean Fak, Dragi Nastevski, Ryan Ollerton, Zoran Markovski, Jeffrey Fleming, Andy Vargas, Joel Nikolic, Richard Cardozo, Brandon Vassallo
Subs:
Daniel Cain, Andrew Marth, Matthew Sanders, Serkan Oksuz, Pasi Schwalger.

Kingston: Daniel Zillic, Steve Iosifidis, Con Anthopoulos, Chris Konstanis, Marcus Stergiopoulos, Joe Di Iorio, Joe Spiteri, Michael Curcija, Alex Kiratzoglou, Jim Latinopoulos, Nick Stamanou

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 -1 SUNSHINE GEORGIES
Sunday 16th July Jack Edwards Reserve

Goals:
Yellow cards: I.Erdogan (SG) 26th, A.Tsirtsakis (SG) 50th, D.Delic (SG) 63rd, A.Bourakis (SM) 61st, G.De Nittis (SM) 33rd.
Red cards:

South: D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vitto, G.Tzirtis, N.Curtis (F.De Moraes 46th), A.Oliveira, D.Djulbic, R.Tavsancioglu, T.Baser, S.Macnicol, A.Bourakis, G.De Nittis.

Georgies: M.John, C.Azzopardi, I.Erdogan (A.Seddon-Gauci 73rd), D.Rocco, A.Tsirtsakis, E.Muscat, V.Trpcevski (E.Soares 84th), D.Delic, T.Waterson, F.Richards, M.Draycott (R.Napoli 89th).

HEIDELBERG UNITED 3 -1 FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA
Sunday 16th July Olympic Village

Goals: M.Tsiorlias (FW), A.Vlahos (HU), T.Ouliaris (HU).
Yellow cards:
Red cards:

Bergers:

Blues:

PLAYING TONIGHT

ESSENDON ROYALS.....-.....BULLEEN ZEBRAS
Monday 17th July Veneto Club

Goals:.....
Yellow cards:.....
Red cards:.....

VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	19	13	4	2	38	19	43
South Melbourne	20	10	5	5	38	22	35
Altona Magic	20	9	7	4	24	17	34
Kingston City	20	9	5	6	31	25	32
Heidelberg Utd	20	8	5	7	33	32	29
Bulleen Zebras	19	7	5	7	22	26	26
Preston Lions	20	6	7	7	35	37	25
Fawkner Blues	20	8	1	11	34	38	25
Richmond Eagles	20	6	7	7	28	33	25
Green Gully	19	6	6	7	32	32	24
Melbourne Knights	20	6	6	8	24	31	24
Essendon Royals	19	5	6	8	19	23	21
Sunshine Georgies	20	5	5	10	23	28	20
Frankston Pines	20	4	3	13	15	33	5

SOMERS ST IN DISARRAY

The Melbourne Knights are experiencing a dressing room crisis and some of its star players refused to take the field for the weekend's clash against Oakleigh Cannons.
Star recruit Marco Maisano (Pictured) has apparently left the Somers Street club under a cloud of controversy and a number of fellow squad members are poised to follow suit. Tommy Milardovic, Ivan Klarica, Dario Matkovic and Craig Elvin are just a few of the names whose playing careers at the Knights hang in the balance until certain issues are resolved. With President Stan Bilic overseas at the moment and not returning until Thursday, the club is holding its cards close to its chest. What those issues exactly are remain unclear at the moment.
Goal! Weekly managed to speak to club Secretary, Ivan Pogacic and asked why certain players appear to rebelling, Ivan said "As you know, when you've got 20 players on the payroll everyone is going to have different views and opinions about the club, as well as a lot of things. Some players may have different views about the coaching staff as well as other things."
Ivan added, "I really can't tell you why they are rebelling, but I'm sure by the end of the season everything will be sorted out. I can tell you now, that no one player is bigger than the club itself."
Asked if the players were happy with Joe Spoljar's appointment after Joe Biskic's resignation, Ivan said, "There is always going to be players saying this and that about coaches, but at the end of the day, players are still contracted and a player has to honour his contract with whoever is coach of the club at the time".
Asked if it came down to a wage issue, Ivan said, "The players have being paid and I don't think there is too much issue about that".

SHORT PASSES

ALTONA MAGIC
Doug Mladenovic looks likely to start training again this week after a lengthy lay off with injury. The Paisley Park outfit also hopes to see Koce Delev back in action over the next couple of weeks.

FRANKSTON PINES
The Pines are holding their annual 70's Night at Monterey Reserve on Saturday 24th July.
It's a fancy dress affair and prizes will be awarded to the best dressed. DJ's will spin tunes from an era of sideburns, flares and glitter, whilst food and drinks will be available in abundance. Only $10 will cover the entry fee and all the fun starts from 7.30pm.
For further details call Alan on 0408 370 638. Groovy!!

ESSENDON ROYALS
Lanky midfielder/forward Steve Fitzsimmons is another Royal having a shot at the big-time after heading north to trial with A-league side Queensland Roar. Steve has been in impressive form in the Vodafone Cup this season and hopes to score a contract with Miron Bleiberg's side and join ex-Fawkner defender Sash Ognenovski on the squad roster.

OAKLEIGH CANNONS V GREEN GULLY
Oakleigh Cannons will play Green Gully Cavaliers at Jack Edwards Reserve this Wednesday night. The original fixture was postponed due to the tragic passing of Peter Kakos in May. Cannons coach Stuart Munro was cautious of the prospect of meeting the current champions and said, "We're expecting another difficult game against Green Gully. It seems that now Ian Dobson is back, they're getting the results again and back on song". The match will KO at 8.15pm and the reserves at 6.15pm.

VODAFONE CUP RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	18	12	4	2	42	17	40
Richmond SC	20	12	3	5	41	25	39
Preston Lions SC	19	10	3	6	33	30	33
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	19	9	5	5	35	23	32
South Melbourne FC	17	9	4	4	36	26	31
Essendon Royals SC	19	8	4	7	26	30	28
Sunshine Georgies SC	19	8	3	8	49	30	27
Bulleen Zebras SC	18	8	3	7	25	30	27
Heidelberg United SC	18	7	5	6	27	28	26
Oakleigh Cannons SC	19	6	5	8	33	31	23
Altona Magic SC	20	7	1	12	31	38	22
Melbourne Knights SC	20	7	1	12	25	43	22
Frankston Pines SC	19	4	0	15	25	50	12
Kingston City SC	19	3	3	13	22	49	12

Altona Magic 1
Richmond 2,

Frankston Pines
Preston Lions ,

Oakleigh Cannons 3
Melbourne Knights 0,

Green Gully
Kingston City ,

South Melbourne
Sunshine Georgies ,

Heidelberg United
Fawkner-Whittlesea ,

Bulleen Zebras
Essendon Royals

VODAFONE CUP ROUND 21

KINGSTON CITY v HEIDELBERG UNITED
Friday 21st July
The Grange Reserve,
Kingston Mel: 79 F8
KO 8.15pm

PRESTON LIONS v GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS
Sunday 23rd July
BT Connor Reserve,
Reservoir Mel: 18 B2
KO 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGIES v OAKLEIGH CANNONS
Sunday 23rd July
Chaplin Reserve,
Sunshine Mel: 26 G12
KO 3pm

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS V BULLEEN ZEBRAS
Sunday 23rd July
Knights Stadium
Sunshine Mel: 27 A6
KO 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE v ALTONA MAGIC
Sunday 23rd July
Bob Jane Stadium,
Albert Park Mel: 2K F6
KO 6:00pm

FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA v RICHMOND EAGLES
Monday 24th July
Epping Stadium,
Epping Mel: 182 C4
KO 8.15pm

ESSENDON ROYALS v FRANKSTON PINES
Monday 24th July
Veneto Social Club,
Bulleen Mel: 32 D9
KO 8:15pm

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Michael Curcija
Kingston City FC **14**

Sash Becvinovski
Altona Magic FC **12**

James Robinson
Richmond Eagles **10**

Esala Masi
Oakleigh Cannons FC 9

Mark Tsiorlas
Fawkner Blues FC **9**

Fernando De Moraes
South Melbourne **8**

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VODAFONE CUP Round 20

CANNONS OVER GALLANT KNIGHTS

UNDERMANNED KNIGHTS LOOK TO RESSIES FOR HELP

Oakleigh Cannons 2 - 1 Melbourne Knights

The visitors fielded an under strength squad, with up to six senior players mysteriously missing from the usual line up. Whilst for the home side, suspended Anthony Pelikan and Jaun Nilio were notable omission from their usual starting line up.

The Cannons created a few half chances early on, but it was the young Knights who miraculously opened the scoring in the sixth minute. A free kick by the visitors was fumbled by Stuart Webster, allowing Andrew Barisic to open the scoring for the visitors.

The Knights miracle was short lived, as a defensive error by the visitors allowed George Gianni to slot in the equaliser. The young Knights scrapped as best as they could, physically matching their more experienced opponents. The Cannons spurned a golden opportunity in the 22nd minute, as Antun Kovacovic spooned his shot over the bar from only a couple of metres.

Surprisingly to all present, the Knights held their own, with Barisic and 16 year old debutant Mate Dugandic causing a few headaches of their own for the experienced Cannons defence. The Cannons created a few more chances during the half, but were thwarted by the efforts of the Knights' keeper, Adrian Cagalj. Unfortunately for the Knights, Ryan Casey went off in the 40th minute with an injury, further decimating the Knights regular senior list.

Esala Masi squandered a gift nine minutes after the break, wildly spraying his shot wide with the goal at his mercy. The young Knights didn't rest on their laurels, counter attacking and creating opportunities themselves, giving the league leaders food for thought during the afternoon.

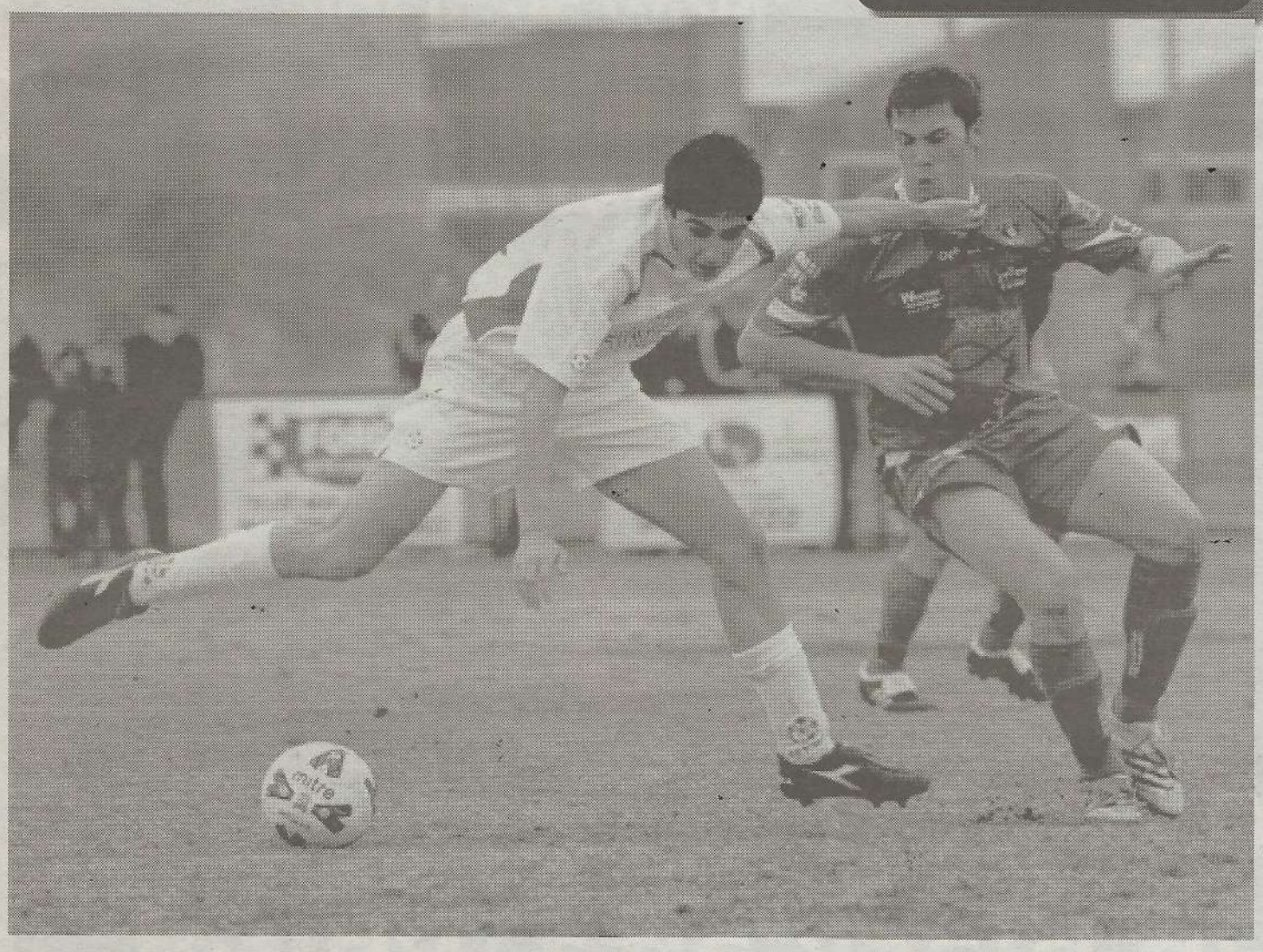
The Cannons were rewarded for their pressure in the 70th minute. A pin-point George Goutzioulis cross was headed home at the back post by Masi, as the enigmatic "Talisman" finally nailed one for the afternoon.

The home-side were given a scare for five minutes from the end, as Webster was forced into action with back to back saves firstly from Barisic and secondly Dugandic.

As expected the majestic Oakliegh Cannons prevailed in the end, but credit must be given to Knights coach, Josip Spoljar, who had to literally balance and symbiotically merge a competitive squad from only six regular senior players, as the remainder of the squad was made up from its youth team. To give this effort greater perspective, six of the players that took the field for the Knights were debutants, whilst two other players who took the field have less than ten appearances between them in the VPL . After trying circumstances surrounding the Somers street club late in the week, both the players and the coach should be commended on their more than admirable performance against would be 2006 Minor premiers.

By Bruno Zovko
Photos by John Punshon

Man of the Match
Andrew Barisic (Knights)

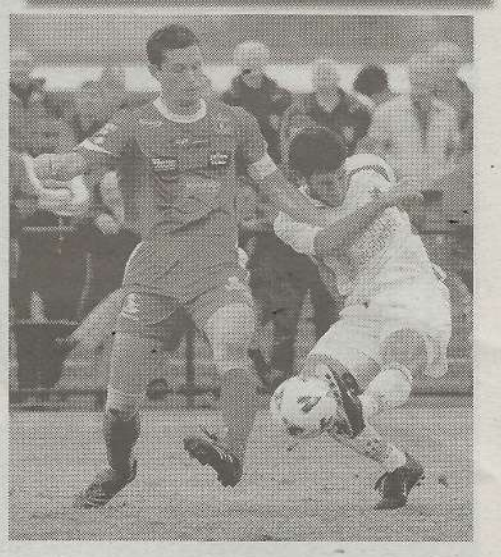


Stuart Munro
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

It was a very difficult game and a lot of the talk before the game was on Melbourne Knights losing a few of their first team players and having to fill the spots with youth team players. We tried to approach the game in the same manner and warned our players that these guys would be full of running and make life difficult for us if we didn't show them respect. Full credit to the Knights, they played very well under the circumstances. The longer the game went on, we had a lot of territorial advantage with the ball, but I thought we were a bit slow in using the ball and passing it around. It was still pleasing in the end to get there.

Joe Spoljar
Coach, Melbourne Knights:

To be quite honest, I didn't know who was going to be available to play or what tactics to use accordingly. You can imagine that the whole week was wasted in an unbelievable and unprecedented action, due to a lot of circumstances. We had to field many of our reserves with the few seniors we had and the boys did us proud. This is a club in crisis, but I think everyone who put on the shirt of the Melbourne Knights today should be proud of themselves. All I can say is that I would like a level playing field and then be judged on that.



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THREE GOAL WIN A CONFIDENCE BOOST FOR GULLY

Green Gully 3 - 0 Kingston City

Green Gully's best win of the year comes as a major confidence boost in the days just prior to the Cavaliers all important catch-up game away to the Oakleigh Cannons on Wednesday night.

In form striker Joel Nikolic made it five goals from three starts with the opening goal just minutes after the kick-off. Richard Cardozo found space down the left wing and delivered a perfect cross for Joel Nikolic to head the ball into the back corner of Kingston's goal.

The first half was all about Green Gully, and the Cavaliers were unfortunate not to go two goals up in twenty minutes when Brandon Vassallo was put through one-on-one with Kingston goalkeeper Daniel Zilic, however Vassallo just the pushed the ball too wide when rounding Zilic, and his eventual shot on goal was headed off the goal line. Just before halftime, Andy Vargas pounced on a loose ball inside Kingston's penalty box and made no mistake with his low shot on goal.

Comfortable in sitting on the two goal lead, the Cavaliers saw out the second half playing Kingston on the counter attack. Andy Vargas made it three nil with five minutes to play, and when the final whistle sounded in was a huge morale boost for the club still not assured of its survival in the Vodafone Cup.

The second consecutive win gets Green Gully out of the drop zone for the time-being, with a long hard road to survival ahead. Kingston at home on Sunday will no doubt be a real test for the Cavaliers.

Green Gully's Under 21's went on a goalscoring rampage, defeating Kingston City 5-0.

By Markian Jaworsky
Photos by Daniel Flis

Ian Dobson
Coach, Green Gully:

After two very good results against Heidelberg and Fawkner, the players actually improved on the two performances previously. To get a 3-0 win against Kingston who are riding high in the Vodafone Cup was very pleasing. We're not out of the woods yet and we need to put this result behind us, enjoy the moment, and look forward to playing the league leaders Oakleigh on Wednesday. All the boys are working very hard to get us out of trouble.

George Katsakis
Coach, Kingston City:
They were just a lot better team on the night. They had a structure about themselves, a will, the desire…they had everything needed in the recipe to get a positive result. In terms of our boys, we were flat, second to the ball and very ordinary. We've just lost a golden opportunity to make some ground on South and Magic who dropped points.

Man of the Match
Joel Nikolic
(Gully)

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PINES RUNNING OUT OF TIME

HOME AWAY FROM HOME WIN FOR LIONS

Frankston Pines 1 - 3 Preston Lions

Preston Lions beat Frankston Pines 3-0 for the second time this season down at BT Connor Reserve on Sunday.

The game kicked of with a very average start from both teams, in the early stages of the game with the Frankston Pines who seemed to be in control of the game with striker for the Pines Nick Waite coming back from injury only to miss a few attempts at goal.

Frankston which was trying to redeem itself in hope of escaping relegation and Preston needing to win to help secure a spot in the Vodafone cup next season were both adamant to shoot at goals and take the lead from one another.

Preston Lions captain Anthony Magnacca did well to shake up the Pines goal keeper Keiren McIvor who seemed on the edge to keep all goals reaching the back of the net, with Magnacca missing a close opportunity to break the game lead in the first half.

Yet immediately after that attempt midfielder Craig Metcalfe and right winger Cam Jones showed spectators that they were quite eager to score for Frankston missing so many opportunities to break the defence of Preston and take control of the game.

Unfortunately there is a saying that many people who follow the game of football know that once a team can break the ice and score a goal, there is adrenalin to score another 10.

In this game, that is exactly what Preston did, they started slightly on the ropes a little shaky but showed composure to frankston when Zia Younan was subbed on and within five minutes of time passed a classy ball to fellow team mate Marinos Gasparis who scored the opening goal for the match.

Preston who were eager to please the home crowd and coach, then knew that they could be capable of breaking the tough defence of the pines who did not make it easy to score against them.

With many shots missed by both teams shortly after that and players starting to get frustrated, Steven Pace for Preston shot a great header into the back of the net for the Lions to reduce the chances of frankston scoring an equalising goal.

The pines who were left standing on one foot tried with many attempts to persevere with their eagerness to equalise yet once again, Preston were too good at home ground with a late sub change from the coach which ended up leading them to another goal by a pass from Goce Petrovski to captain Anthony Magnacca only to shoot and score a goal for his team.

Frankston who were left in shock continued to play the game out with an early funny moment for the crowd with striker Nick Waite who in an attempt to keep the balk in accidentally fell in the biggest puddle of mud not realising that he had entertained the crowd after that for a good five minutes.

With the game taken out of the hands of frankston and into the hands of Preston the game then ended with the lions taking home a win, but what interested me in this match was a 17 by the name of Savas Odzemir who for the past 8 weeks has moved up from ressies goalkeeper to the seniors goal keeper and must I say he showed spectators he was just as good to be out there with fellow senior level team-mates with excellent courage and confidence when running out for the ball against strikers in senior level who have had many more years of experience against other teams than he.

Well done to Preston for taking the points and well done to frankston who didn't give up a minute to back down from the challenge laid down, congratulations and who knows the fate of the rest of the season.

By Maria Katsidis

Adam Jamieson
Coach, Frankston Pines:

We had five or six first class chances and didn't score them when the score was still 0-0. I felt we were the better side for the first 65mins of the match, but you just can't afford to miss chances like we did. There's always hope while there's points to play for. The only positive aspect is that we've finally got an injury free squad.

Goran Lozanovski
Coach, Preston Lions:

It was satisfying to get the three points today in average conditions. It was always going to be a tough game and we were probably lucky to go in to the break at 0-0. Franskton are one of those teams that aren't going to give up and they showed that today. They're probably unlucky to be where they are on the table. It was a competitive game, we had to work hard and in the end we got the goals we needed to get the result.

Man of the Match
Cameron Jones (Pines)

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DRAYCOTT LEAVES HIS MARK AT BOB JANE

South Melbourne 1 - 1 Sunshine Georgies

A Scot McNicol goal prevented a battling Sunshine Georgies from repeating another upset victory over South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday evening, after a Mark Draycott strike put the visitors in front.

South Melbourne went into the game without regular strikers Kevin Nelson and Vaughn Coveny who has signed with A-League club Newcastle.

They welcomed back playmaker Fernando De Moraes from a trial in Greece and he was to have an influence when he came on in the second half.

Georgies striker, Draycott gave his side the ideal start in the seventh minute with a superb left foot finish from 20 metres following an excellent Dusko Delic through ball.

South looked for a way forward down the right flank with Scot McNicol finding space to put in a couple of crosses which set up striker Andreas Oliveira for some half chances.

Georgies skipper Emmanuel Muscat was effectively patrolling the left hand flank, and the visitors pressed hard when the home team was in possession, preventing them from settling into a rhythm with their passing.

South were maintaining a high defensive line and were nearly caught out again by a Fidel Richards through ball in the 28th minute which gave Delic an opportunity to score. Delic's 20 metre chip had South keeper Dean Anastasiadis backtracking as the ball fell narrowly wide of the far post.

The rest of the half saw the home team probe for an opening as they struggled to break down a determined Georgies defense. Although South crossed the ball several times into the Georgie's box, they struggled to create clear chances.

Soon after the break, South defender Dino Djulbic was lucky to remain on the park, and South were lucky not to concede a penalty when the referee missed Djulbic's blatant pull-back on Georgies striker Draycott in the box. Djulbic was the last defender and his tug on Draycott's shorts was a desperate attempt to prevent the striker shooting at goal. The Georgies forward still managed to get his shot at goal only to see keeper Anastasiadis deny him a second goal. The referee ignored the Sunshine players' strong protest.

South were beginning to control possession in midfield and pushed the Georgies deep into their half as the visitors' high intensity pressing game began to take its toll. However, Richards was still full of running, stretching South with his pace and willingness to run with the ball.

De Moraes looked the player most likely to open up the Georgies with his incisive passing and running at the heart of the Georgies defense. A couple of wall pass combinations put him through with good chances mid way through the second half. Goergies keeper John was quickly off his line to foil the first chance whilst De Moraes's skewed finish wasted the second.

South's equalizer came in the 78th minute when midfielder McNicol drilled home a low drive from outside the box through a crowded defense.

South could have scored the winner when McNicol provided Oliveira with a chance to strike from just outside the box. However, John was equal to the task and parried the shot away to safety.

After the whistle, the traveling Georgies fans applauded their players as they left the field, whilst making their feelings clear about what they thought of the referee's decision early in the second half.

By George Stogiannou
Photos by Daniel Flis

Man of the Match
Scott McNicol
(South)

John Anastasiadis
Coach, South Melbourne:

Obviously disappointed with the result, but my boys' efforts today was impeccable. They gave their all today and came off the field "knackered". Credit to Sunshine, who came for the point, as you would when you're in survival mode....when you've games like that, it was a tremendous effort from my boys.

Fab Incantaloupo
Asst Coach, Sunshine Georgies:

We really played well today and some of the refereeing decisions were a bit harsh. We should have had a clear penalty when Mark Draycott was pulled back by the shorts, but the referee didn't seem to see it. Our endeavor was superb and we were pleased with the effort after three losses in a row.

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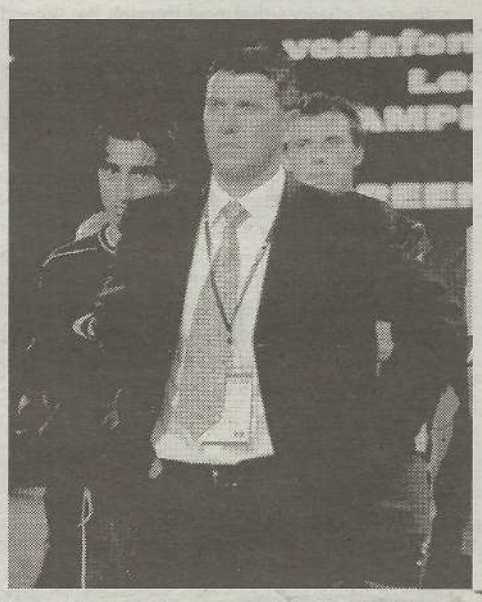
VODAFONE CUP Round 20

UNDEFEATED UNDER STUBBINS

RICHMOND DEAFEATS ALTONA TO MAKE IT SIXTH UNDEFEATED MATCH

Altona Magic 0 - 1 Richmond Eagles



Fergal O'Colmain scored the winner against Altona Magic, but new coach Phil Stubbins is being careful not to get too excited

Richmond Eagles shocked the Magic and left paisley Park with maximum points after a 1-0 victory in round 20 of the Vodafone Cup.

Third placed Altona Magic hosted the improving Richmond side, with the home side having the better of the early exchanges. Five minutes into the game Daniel Vasilevski struck the corner frame of the goal with a free kick from twenty-two yards, Eagles keeper Robbie Simioni doing well to claim the looping rebound under solid pressure. Three minutes later he did well again to punch away a strike from dangerous Vasilevski. Richmond then had their best attacking foray, but referee Jim Zafiriou had already blown his whistle for a free kick when James Robinson launched a goal-bound header from a corner kick.

The energetic Robinson was in the thick of it not long after, disposessing Kole Delev and threading a ball towards Veton Korcarevski which was cleared by the feet of a desperately sliding Magic goalkeeper Bojo Jevdjevic. Richmond had now taken over the balance of play, with Stuart McCluskey having a header cleared off the line from a corner and the Jevdjevic producing a point blank save to deny Robinson after twenty minutes.

Despite the wet conditions both teams were producing some good football and putting on an entertaining display. James Baskerville struck a shot over the crossbar from thirty-five yards after a run down the middle of the park before Sash Becvinovski struck a volley on the turn over the bar after a goalmouth scramble. Tomi Razov was almost through for Altona before a superb goal saving tackle from McCluskey denied him the opportunity to shoot.

A ball from the right flank by Simon Webster skimmed off heads to the far post where it fell to Steve Burton who had his effort tipped over the bar by a brilliant Jevdjevic save. A minute later Jevdjevic denied Webster by pushing his shot around the post. The first half remained scoreless, both teams having reasons to be optimistic for the second period.

Richmond had a shout for a penalty eight minutes after play resumed, Noel Bahnsen's ball in towards Korcarevski possibly being pushed away by the hand of Kole Delev, Korcarevski eventually gathering the ball and having a cross to the near post cleared. Under pressure from Korcarevski, Delev vitally cleared the ball at the far post after Daniel Visevic had raced clear and broken into the box before crossing the ball. Levent Osman and Visevic both went down after colliding when the ball was crossed, the ball finally put out by Richmond after Delev's clearance sparked a flurry of half-chances.

Becvinovski produced a good save from Simioni with a sixty-sixth minute shot. Having played out a 1-1 draw earlier in the season, the sides were still on level terms late into the game in a very even contest. Burton supplied a cross which Fergal O'Colmain's ariel challenge forced Jevdjevic into a punch which didn't quite fall for any Richmond players to latch onto before being cleared. Xhexair Sulemani flicked a header across goal after Baskerville had played the ball out wide for Burton to cross.

With ten minutes left, Richmond found the winning goal. Beggining with Tony Celentano and Semir Sivic out wide on the left, passes were exchanged with Sulemani and Robinson before Baskerville was eventually found in enough space to shoot on goal, his effort in a crowded penalty box falling to O'Colmain who finished from five yards.

The Eagles then showed little of the last minute nerves displayed in their previous four wins, to more comfortably hang on to the lead and secure maximum points for the fourth game in succession.

By Mark Boric

Man of the Match
Simon Webster
(Eagles)

Ken Murphy
Coach, Altona Magic:

It was a very even game. Probably 0-0, 1-0 to them, 1-0 to us would have been a fair result. They're not a bad side and they did really well. I think it's been good for them as they've been close all year, only losing by the odd goal here and there. Even though we were the more creative, ball playing side they're a physically stronger team than us and they won the individual battles on the pitch. I think Stubbsy's experience has maybe given them that little bit extra which helped them get over the line.

Phil Stubbins
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

From start to finish it was a good, fast paced and entertaining game. All the credit this week must go to the players who were magnificent. To break them down eventually as we did, against a team who has probably got the best defensive record in the league as well as keep a clean sheet, was obviously very pleasing for all concerned. I think in the end it was a deserved win for us. I would say we're probably one or two wins away from staying up.

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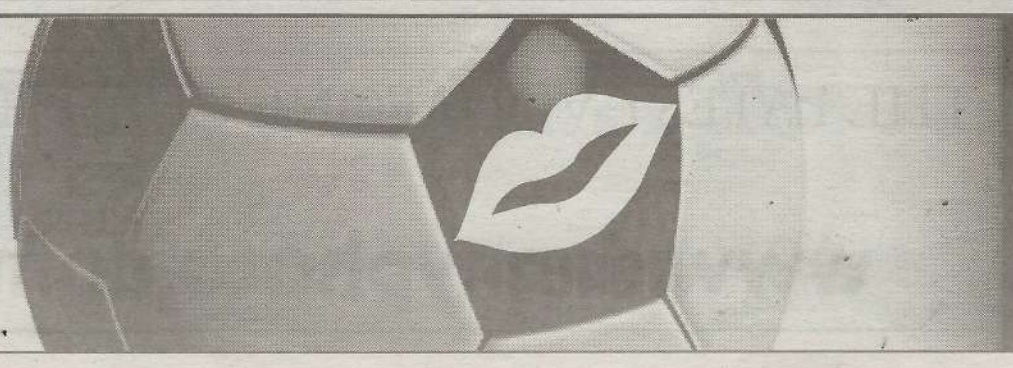

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VODAFONE CUP Round 20

ZEBRAS AND ROYALS MEET ON COMMON GROUND

Bulleen Zebras vs Essendon Royals

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There is just one result that both these teams will surely be looking for and that's a win. That is the simple scenario for both Bulleen and Essendon as they look to begin their run towards the final rounds of the season, but for vastly different reasons.

Bulleen will be trying to keep its place in the top six and keep in touch with the leaders of the Vodafone Cup after a recent downturn in form and a series of injuries has threatened to jeopardize a promising 2006 season. The Zebras will be looking to bounce back after a 3-1 defeat last week to Preston Lions at BT Connor Reserve. The Royals will also be desperate for the win in order to pull away from a precariously threatening relegation position. With only seven matches left and since Richmond and Green Gully have seemed to have turned their respective seasons around and appear to finally have their houses in order, a victory for the Royals tonight could not be more vital. By all accounts, the Royals gave a good account of themselves against the runaway leaders of the league, Oakleigh Cannons, last Monday night and were a touch unlucky not to come away from that game with at least a share of the points.

Both sides have similar records during the last month, having won just once in their last four matches, so inconsistency and lack of goals are things that both coach's will be looking to turn around very quickly if they are to have an impact before the season finishes.

The Zebras will be hoping that striker Ben Harbinson can continue his goal scoring form and maybe their midfield can contribute a little more with their excellent midfield play often going unrewarded with that final finish.

Bulleen have proved in past games that they never give up after they have found themselves one or two goals down in several games this season and been able to battle back to either win or draw in the last few moments. This was highlighted in their recent game against Kingston when once again they found themselves two nil down at half time only to come back and fire three goals into the Kingston net in the second half and grab all the points, so with just a few weeks left and the competition coming into the final weeks of the season the Zebras will be battling all the way to the end. The Royals will be hope that their strikers will finish of the chances that they create week in, week out to pull away of what really is a false position that they find themselves in season 2006.

Paul's prediction
Bulleen 3 Royals 1

By Paul Jeffries
Photos by John Punshon and Steve Starek

Michael Michalakopoulos
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

We've trained well all week and we're really confident. Although we lost to the Cannons last week, we played with a tremendous spirit, passion, determination and confidence. We're obviously looking to setting it right a little bit and the boys are just desperate to get on with the next game.

David Winton
Coach, Essendon Royals:

It's basically a finals type scenario for us if we're serious about staying in the top six. The next few matches are crucial after our indifferent form, so we'll be going out to get maximum points. We still got a few injuries, but we still need to put a competitive team on the park if we're going to go for it and take this chance.

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Next info is based on last 50 matches		
Home win	43%	43%
Home draw	35%	26%
Home lost	22%	30%
Home goals	1.17 PM	1.3 PM
Away win	14%	23%
Away draw	32%	32%
Away lost	55%	45%
Away goals	0.73 PM	1 PM

Past matches
Mar 24, 2006 Vodafone Cup Essendon Bulleen 0 - 1
Aug 21, 2005 VPL Bulleen Essendon 2 - 0
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STATE LEAGUES

NORTH WEST 2

Seniors

Pascoe Vale Yarraville Glory (HT: -), Moreland City Maribyrnong Greens (HT: -), Thomastown Devils 2 (D Giarratana, O Ayache) Williamstown 3 (F Yetismis, N Milenkovic) (HT: 0-1), Westvale 2 (H Timotheou, T Timotheou) Banyule City 0 (HT: 1-0), Lalor United Westgate (HT: -), Keilor Park 1 (P Tawaf) Altona City 0 (HT: 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westgate FC	14	10	2	2	30	15	32
Altona City SC	15	9	2	4	17	11	29
Pascoe Vale SC	14	8	3	3	22	9	27
Williamstown SC	15	8	2	5	26	17	26
Keilor Park SC	15	7	5	3	22	18	26
Lalor United SC	14	7	3	4	18	12	24
Yarraville Glory FC	14	4	6	4	12	18	18
Maribyrnong Greens SC	13	4	3	6	12	19	15
Thomastown Devils SC	14	3	5	6	15	19	14
Westvale SC	15	3	1	11	19	36	10
Moreland City SC	14	2	3	9	9	18	9
Banyule City SC	15	2	3	10	19	29	9

Reserves

Pascoe Vale Yarraville Glory , Moreland City 2 Maribyrnong Greens 0, Thomastown Devils 1 Williamstown 0, Westvale 4 Banyule City 1, Lalor United Westgate , Keilor Park 0 Altona City 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland City SC	15	9	5	1	42	12	32
Thomastown Devils SC	15	8	5	2	32	15	29
Keilor Park SC	15	7	7	1	34	14	28
Lalor United SC	14	8	3	3	32	23	27
Pascoe Vale SC	14	7	5	2	18	13	26
Westvale SC	14	7	3	4	28	26	24
Altona City SC	14	5	5	4	24	15	20
Maribyrnong Greens SC	15	4	3	8	23	38	15
Westgate FC	14	2	6	6	18	22	12
Yarraville Glory FC	14	3	2	9	11	39	11
Williamstown SC	15	1	4	10	22	37	7
Banyule City SC	15	1	2	12	12	42	5

SOUTH EAST 2

Seniors

Doncaster Rovers 2 (Z Stefanidis, G McAleer) Knox City 0 (HT: 1-0), Clifton Hill United Cranbourne Comets (HT: -), Southern Stars 1 (J Castel) Stonnington City 2 (P Liapis) (HT: 0-2), Diamond Valley United Waverley Wanderers (HT: -), Eastern Lions SC 2 (J McEvoy, S Groom) Clayton 2 (S Iliadis, D Schulberg) (HT: 0-1), Chelsea 2 (P Filipovic) South Springvale 2 (A Akrivopoulos) (HT: 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Waverley Wanderers SC	14	9	4	1	20	5	31
Southern Stars FC	15	10	1	4	21	13	31
South Springvale SC	15	7	5	3	25	16	26
Cranbourne Comets SC	14	8	2	4	19	10	26
Diamond Valley United SC	14	7	4	3	22	12	25
Doncaster Rovers SC	15	6	4	5	24	16	22
Clifton Hill United SC	14	6	2	6	18	22	20
Stonnington City SC	15	5	3	7	10	14	18
Chelsea SC	15	4	5	6	16	20	17
Knox City SC	15	4	3	8	18	22	15
Eastern Lions SC	15	2	4	9	15	29	10
Clayton SC	15	1	1	13	13	42	4

Reserves

Doncaster Rovers 3 Knox City 2, Clifton Hill United Cranbourne Comets , Southern Stars 0 Stonnington City 3, Diamond Valley United Waverley Wanderers , Eastern Lions SC 3 Clayton 0, Chelsea South Springvale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Stonnington City SC	15	12	1	2	37	15	37
Doncaster Rovers SC	15	11	1	3	52	20	34
Chelsea SC	14	10	1	3	47	29	31
South Springvale SC	14	8	3	3	37	22	27
Knox City SC	15	8	1	6	33	29	25
Diamond Valley United SC	14	6	3	5	21	19	21
Eastern Lions SC	15	5	3	7	25	28	18
Cranbourne Comets SC	14	5	3	6	24	32	18
Clayton SC	15	5	0	10	25	47	15
Clifton Hill United SC	14	4	1	9	20	30	13
Waverley Wanderers SC	14	0	5	9	18	41	5
Southern Stars FC	15	1	2	12	21	48	5

NORTH WEST 3

Seniors

Geelong Rangers 3 (D Corry, T Hardy 2) Albion Rovers 3 (I Cilek, E Koc) (HT: 0-0), North Sunshine Eagles Lalor (HT: -), Sydenham Park 1 (D Spiteri) Western Eagles 0 (HT: 0-0), La Trobe University 2 (P Umina 2) Sunbury United 6 (V Ierardo, D Gray 2, S O'Callaghan 3) (HT: 1-2), Ballarat Soccer Club 0 Corio 1 (S Jovanovic) (HT: 0-0), Werribee City 3 (M Collins, M Schiafone, A Barbieri) Geelong 1 (D Nelson) (HT: 1-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City SC	15	13	2	0	38	5	41
Sunbury United SC	15	13	1	1	36	11	40
Albion Rovers SC	15	6	6	3	36	21	24
Corio SC	15	6	3	6	23	24	21
Lalor SC	14	6	2	6	25	20	20
Geelong Rangers SC	15	6	2	7	26	25	20
La Trobe University SC	15	6	2	7	31	36	20
Sydenham Park SC	15	6	2	7	21	32	20
Geelong SC	15	5	2	8	25	27	17
Ballarat Soccer Club	15	3	4	8	15	30	13
Western Eagles SC	15	3	1	11	9	32	10
North Sunshine Eagles SC	14	2	1	11	16	38	7

Reserves

Geelong Rangers 8 Albion Rovers 0, North Sunshine Eagles Lalor , Sydenham Park Western Eagles , La Trobe University 4 Sunbury United 2, Ballarat Soccer Club 2 Corio 0, Werribee City 0 Geelong 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor SC	14	10	3	1	32	9	33
Geelong Rangers SC	15	9	3	3	38	21	30
Ballarat Soccer Club	15	10	0	5	36	22	30
Sunbury United SC	15	9	1	5	38	24	28
La Trobe University SC	15	8	3	4	34	24	27
Geelong SC	15	7	4	4	31	23	25
Albion Rovers SC	15	5	2	8	21	37	17
Corio SC	14	4	4	6	20	27	16
Sydenham Park SC	13	4	1	8	15	24	13
Werribee City SC	15	4	1	10	15	36	13
North Sunshine Eagles SC	13	3	1	9	18	33	10
Western Eagles SC	13	1	1	11	8	26	4

SOUTH EAST 3

Seniors

Templestowe Eagles 2 (M Gulino) Sandringham City 1 (N Mitten) (HT: 1-1), Endeavour United 0 Morwell Pegasus 2 (D Cassar, D Mustac) (HT: 0-0), Berwick City 4 (A Saunders 3, R Thomas) Frankston Strikers 1 (HT: 1-0), Mooroolbark 2 (P Kowalski 2) Nunawading City 1 (K Kennedy) (HT: 1-1), Monbulk Heatherton United (HT: -), North Caulfield Fitzroy City (HT: -)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heatherton United SC	14	10	2	2	32	16	32
North Caulfield SC	14	8	5	1	27	15	29
Mooroolbark SC	15	7	6	2	33	22	27
Sandringham City SC	15	8	3	4	30	24	27
Templestowe Eagles SC	15	8	3	4	26	22	27
Berwick City SC	15	6	5	4	35	20	23
Fitzroy City SC	14	4	6	4	31	25	18
Morwell Pegasus SC	15	4	5	6	25	32	17
Endeavour United SC	15	5	2	8	21	33	17
Frankston Strikers SC	15	2	3	10	16	38	9
Monbulk SC	14	1	4	9	19	32	7
Nunawading City SC	15	1	4	10	18	34	7

Reserves

Templestowe Eagles Sandringham City , Endeavour United 1 Morwell Pegasus 0, Berwick City 3 Frankston Strikers 0, Mooroolbark 2 Nunawading City 0, Monbulk Heatherton United , North Caulfield Fitzroy City

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield SC	14	10	2	2	48	11	32
Mooroolbark SC	15	9	3	3	32	18	30
Sandringham City SC	14	8	1	5	42	25	25
Heatherton United SC	14	7	4	3	21	14	25
Berwick City SC	15	7	2	6	37	21	23
Nunawading City SC	14	6	4	4	23	20	22
Monbulk SC	14	6	3	5	24	23	21
Templestowe Eagles SC	14	6	2	6	25	31	20
Morwell Pegasus SC	15	4	5	6	29	30	17
Endeavour United SC	14	5	1	8	20	32	16
Fitzroy City SC	14	4	0	10	18	43	12
Frankston Strikers SC	15	0	1	14	6	57	1

PROVI 1 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Glenroy Melbourne City (HT: -), Darebin United 0 Hoppers Crossing 3 (R Nedelkov 2) (HT: 0-2), Hume United 6 (D Robertson, T Sumbul 2, C Erdem) Mill Park 0 (HT: 4-0), Laverton Park 6 (V De La Plaza 2, P Sandoval, J Sobarzo 2) Plenty Valley Lions 0 (HT: 1-0), Elwood City 2 (T Harry, P Walsh) Melbourne University Rangers 1 (P King) (HT: 2-1), Avondale Heights Brimbank (HT: -)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Laverton Park SC	15	10	3	2	43	26	33
Plenty Valley Lions FC	15	10	2	3	27	15	32
Hume United SC	14	8	4	2	36	12	28
Avondale Heights SC	13	8	3	2	37	14	27
Glenroy SC	14	7	4	3	24	15	25
Melbourne University SC	15	7	3	5	28	18	24
Elwood City SC	15	7	2	6	30	22	23
Hoppers Crossing SC	15	6	3	6	38	28	21
Darebin United SC	15	4	4	7	20	24	16
Melbourne City SC	14	4	1	9	24	34	13
Mill Park SC	15	1	0	14	7	66	3
Brimbank SC	14	0	1	13	12	52	1

Reserves

Glenroy Melbourne City , Darebin United 0 Hoppers Crossing 4, Hume United 9 Mill Park 1, Laverton Park 1 Plenty Valley Lions 2, Elwood City 1 Melbourne University Rangers 1, Avondale Heights Brimbank

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hume United SC	15	12	1	2	50	14	37
Plenty Valley Lions FC	15	10	3	2	45	15	33
Melbourne University SC	15	10	3	2	39	13	33
Hoppers Crossing SC	15	10	2	3	42	23	32
Elwood City SC	15	7	5	3	37	17	26
Avondale Heights SC	14	6	3	5	32	31	21
Glenroy SC	14	5	3	6	34	26	18
Laverton Park SC	15	5	3	7	22	29	18
Darebin United SC	15	3	2	10	19	63	11
Brimbank SC	14	1	5	8	19	41	8
Melbourne City SC	14	1	4	9	20	41	7
Mill Park SC	15	0	2	13	16	62	2

PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Riversdale SC Brandon Park (HT: -), Doveton 5 (B Mijatovic, G Bristow 3, L Buhic) Carrum United 0 (HT: 3-0), White Star Dandenong 0 Rowville Eagles 1 (M Craciun) (HT: 0-0), Monash University 1 (J Bucedi) Warragul United 1 (L Dastey) (HT: 1-1), Southern Suburbs 1 (A Anagnostopoulos) Springvale City Vales 3 (A Lolic, E Klancevic) (HT: 1-2), Noble Park United 3 (M Durand 2) Croydon City Arrows 0 (HT: 1-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton SC	15	12	2	1	36	19	38
Southern Suburbs SC	15	10	3	2	21	11	33
Springvale City Vales SC	15	8	2	5	39	24	26
Croydon City Arrows SC	15	7	4	4	20	18	25
Brandon Park SC	14	7	2	5	21	14	23
Warragul United SC	15	4	7	4	21	17	19
White Star Dandenong SC	15	6	1	8	22	26	19
Monash University SC	15	5	3	7	15	24	18
Noble Park United SC	15	5	1	9	29	29	16
Rowville Eagles SC	15	4	2	9	17	30	14
Riversdale SC	14	2	5	7	21	25	11
Carrum United SC	15	2	2	11	20	45	8

Reserves

Riversdale SC Brandon Park , Doveton 2 Carrum United 4, White Star Dandenong 1 Rowville Eagles 1, Monash University Warragul United , Southern Suburbs 0 Springvale City Vales 1, Noble Park United 2 Croydon City Arrows 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brandon Park SC	14	9	4	1	29	19	31
Riversdale SC	14	8	4	2	27	16	28
Croydon City Arrows SC	15	7	6	2	30	21	27
Monash University SC	14	8	2	4	32	14	26
Warragul United SC	14	6	5	3	40	23	23
Doveton SC	15	6	2	7	31	33	20
Carrum United SC	15	6	2	7	23	29	20
Southern Suburbs SC	15	5	4	6	30	23	19
Springvale City Vales SC	15	3	5	7	30	43	14
Rowville Eagles SC	15	4	2	9	22	40	14
Noble Park United SC	15	2	7	6	17	22	13
White Star Dandenong SC	15	1	3	11	17	45	6

PROVI 2 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Whittlesea United 2 (S Mirik, C AydinBrimbank City Moreland United (HT: -), Northern Falcons West Preston (HT: 1-3), South Yarra 6 (C Barry 4, J O'Reilly) Broadmeadows United 0 (HT: 1-0), Northern United North City Lions (HT: -), Melbourne Tornado 4 (R Blazevic, L Stolica 3) Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 1 (B Mitchell) (HT: 2-0), Collingwood City 0 Whittlesea United 1 (S Mirik) (HT: 0-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Yarra SC	15	10	4	1	33	10	34
Northern Falcons SC	14	8	1	5	26	24	25
Collingwood City SC	15	5	8	2	21	12	23
North City Lions SC	14	6	5	3	27	22	23
Moreland United SC	14	6	4	4	27	19	22
Whittlesea United SC	15	5	4	6	27	29	19
West Preston SC	14	5	4	5	17	19	19
Brimbank City SC	14	5	3	6	25	23	18
Uni. Of Melbourne Blues SC	15	4	4	7	27	24	16
Melbourne Tornado SC	15	4	2	9	31	42	14
Broadmeadows United SC	15	4	2	9	23	46	14
Northern United SC	14	3	3	8	13	27	12

Reserves

Brimbank City Moreland United , Northern Falcons West Preston , South Yarra 1 Broadmeadows United 1, Northern United North City Lions , Melbourne Tornado Uni. Of Melbourne Blues , Collingwood City 2 Whittlesea United 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni. Of Melbourne SC	14	12	2	0	51	12	38
North City Lions SC	14	11	1	2	31	16	34
South Yarra SC	15	9	4	2	38	17	31
Northern Falcons SC	14	10	0	4	29	19	30
West Preston SC	14	7	3	4	36	23	24
Broadmeadows United SC	15	7	3	5	36	29	24
Collingwood City SC	15	5	3	7	22	25	18
Melbourne Tornado SC	14	5	1	8	21	37	16
Whittlesea United SC	15	3	2	10	22	43	11
Moreland United SC	14	2	3	9	16	35	9
Northern United SC	14	1	4	9	21	45	7
Brimbank City SC	14	0	2	12	17	39	2

PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Old Xaverians 1 (S Ventoruzzo) Scotch Old Boys 2 (A Greaves, A Alford) (HT: 1-0), Keysborough 1 (D Verdichizzi) Beaumaris 3 (M Lennon, G Hughes 2) (HT: 1-1), Seaford United 5 (M Maguinness, J Bunting, H Carson) Ashburton 2 (B Jackson, J Marcelo) (HT: 1-1), Mitcham United 0 Old Melburnians 2 (J Pearce 2) (HT: 0-1), Lyndale United Berwick Kings (HT: -), Noble Park 0 Old Trinity Grammarians 4 (R Parisella, L Parisella 2, A Hallam) (HT: 0-1)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick Kings FC	14	12	1	1	36	14	37
Lyndale United SC	14	11	1	2	44	19	34
Scotch Old Boys SC	15	10	2	3	33	12	32
Beaumaris SC	15	9	3	3	40	17	30
Old Melburnians SC	15	8	3	4	47	21	27
Ashburton SC	15	4	7	4	20	25	19
Keysborough SC	15	5	4	6	26	34	19
Mitcham United SC	15	4	5	6	20	22	17
Old Trinity Grammarians SC	15	4	1	10	18	36	13
Old Xaverians SC	15	3	3	9	20	34	12
Seaford United SC	15	2	0	13	18	49	6
Noble Park SC	15	1	2	12	13	52	5

Reserves

Old Xaverians 0 Scotch Old Boys 2, Keysborough 2 Beaumaris 0, Seaford United 0 Ashburton 1, Mitcham United 1 Old Melburnians 1, Lyndale United Berwick Kings , Noble Park 2 Old Trinity Grammarians 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Old Melburnians SC	15	13	2	0	62	15	41
Ashburton SC	15	10	4	1	31	17	34
Lyndale United SC	14	9	0	5	53	34	27
Beaumaris SC	15	8	3	4	36	17	27
Mitcham United SC	15	6	5	4	27	22	23
Berwick Kings FC	14	6	0	8	27	25	18
Seaford United SC	15	5	2	8	21	27	17
Keysborough SC	15	5	1	9	23	55	16
Old Trinity Grammarians SC	15	4	3	8	25	37	15
Scotch Old Boys SC	15	4	2	9	20	28	14
Noble Park SC	15	4	1	10	23	51	13
Old Xaverians SC	15	3	1	11	19	39	10

PROVI 3 NORTH WEST

Seniors

Reservoir United 0 Keon Park 0 (HT: 0-0), Watsonia Heights Youth United (HT: -), Epping City 1 (I Tasevski) Hallam 1 (R De Melo) (HT: 1-1), Bell Park 1 (A Palmieri) Meadow Park 0 (HT: 0-0), Melton 3 (J Turnaturi 2) Ascot Vale 0 (HT: 2-0), Light United 7 (C Uyanik, S Gicek 4, S Yigit 2) Moreland Wolves 1 (B Phan) (HT: 2-0)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keon Park SC	15	10	4	1	37	16	34
Bell Park SC	15	11	0	4	29	17	33
Youth United SC	14	7	3	4	35	12	24
Light United FC	15	7	2	6	30	22	23
Melton SC	14	6	5	3	25	18	23
Meadow Park SC	15	6	5	4	27	21	23
Epping City SC	15	7	2	6	25	28	23
Reservoir United SC	14	5	4	5	29	24	19
Ascot Vale SC	15	5	1	9	25	42	16
Watsonia Heights SC	14	2	6	6	19	29	12
Hallam SC	15	2	3	10	12	41	9
Moreland Wolves	15	1	3	11	19	42	6

Reserves

Reservoir United 3 Keon Park 2, Watsonia Heights Youth United , Epping City Hallam , Bell Park 4 Meadow Park 1, Melton 1 Ascot Vale 0, Light United 2 Moreland Wolves 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melton SC	14	11	1	2	40	14	34
Youth United SC	14	9	3	2	48	19	30
Reservoir United SC	14	9	1	4	23	18	28
Bell Park SC	15	8	2	5	38	29	26
Light United FC	14	6	5	3	31	32	23
Hallam SC	14	7	1	6	33	28	22
Epping City SC	14	5	4	5	22	24	19
Keon Park SC	15	3	6	6	23	31	15
Moreland Wolves	15	4	2	9	37	54	14
Watsonia Heights SC	13	3	4	6	20	33	13
Meadow Park SC	15	4	0	11	25	34	12
Ascot Vale SC	15	1	3	11	21	45	6

PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST

Seniors

Old Carey Dandenong Warriors (HT: -), Dandenong City 2 (M Salemme 2) Old Brighton Grammarians 2 (C Zielinski, M Hunt) (HT: 1-1), Eltham North Boroondara Lions (HT: -), Dandenong Sparrows 0 Caulfield United 2 (G Varsamis, E Gogis) (HT: 0-2), Mornington 4 (D Koole 3, M Bailey) Ringwood City 0 (HT: 2-0), Old Camberwell Grammar Endeavour Hills (HT: -)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield United SC	15	10	1	4	45	15	31
Dandenong Sparrows SC	15	8	3	4	39	24	27
Old Brighton Grammarians	15	7	6	2	30	18	27
Mornington SC	14	8	2	4	36	17	26
Old Camberwell Grammar SC	14	7	3	4	28	19	24
Boroondara Lions FC	14	7	1	6	33	17	22
Dandenong Warriors SC	14	6	3	5	23	20	21
Ringwood City SC	15	5	4	6	27	29	19
Old Carey SC	14	4	3	7	21	37	15
Dandenong City SC	15	3	2	10	19	73	11
Endeavour Hills SC	13	3	1	9	23	37	10
Eltham North SC	14	3	1	10	14	32	10

Reserves

Old Carey 3 Dandenong Warriors 2, Dandenong City 0 Old Brighton Grammarians 8, Eltham North Boroondara Lions , Dandenong Sparrows 0 Caulfield United 4, Mornington 5 Ringwood City 1, Old Camberwell Grammar 3 Endeavour Hills 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield United SC	15	12	2	1	53	20	38
Boroondara Lions FC	14	11	1	2	45	3	34
Old Carey SC	15	10	2	3	51	22	32
Old Brighton Grammarians	15	8	2	5	45	18	26
Ringwood City SC	15	7	4	4	28	18	25
Dandenong Warriors SC	15	6	2	7	40	35	20
Dandenong Sparrows SC	15	5	3	7	27	27	18
Mornington SC	14	6	0	8	30	32	18
Old Camberwell Grammar	15	5	1	9	20	28	16
Endeavour Hills SC	14	4	3	7	24	37	15
Eltham North SC	14	3	2	9	18	39	11
Dandenong City SC	15	0	0	15	5	107	0

ROUND 16 FIXTURES

State 2 NW
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Westvale v Keilor Park McKechnie Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Altona City v Lalor United HC Kim Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Williamstown v Moreland City JT Gray Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Maribyrnong Greens v Pascoe Vale Skinner Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Banyule City v Yarraville Glory Yallambie Park Reserve
22 Jul 06 7:00PM Westgate v Thomastown Devils Ardeer Reserve

State 2 SE
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Eastern Lions SC v Doncaster Rovers Gardiners Creek Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Knox City v Chelsea Egan Lee Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM South Springvale v Diamond Valley United Warner Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Waverley Wanderers v Southern Stars Carlson Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Stonnington City v Clifton Hill United Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Clayton v Cranbourne Comets Brandon Park Reserve

State 3 NW
22 Jul 06 3:00PM La Trobe University v Werribee City Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Fld
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Geelong v Ballarat Soccer Club Stead Park Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Corio v Sydenham Park Hume Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Western Eagles v North Sunshine Eagles Polish Sports & Rec. Centre
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Lalor v Geelong Rangers RGC Cook Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Sunbury United v Albion Rovers Langama Park

State 3 SE
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Berwick City v Monbulk Jack Thomas Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Heatherton United v Mooroolbark Parkfield Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Nunawading City v Endeavour United Mahoneys Road Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Fitzroy City v Templestowe Eagles Fairfield Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Frankston Strikers v Sandringham City Centenary Park
23 Jul 06 3:00PM Morwell Pegasus v North Caulfield Ronald Reserve

Provi 1 NW
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Laverton Park v Avondale Heights Laverton Park Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Brimbank v Elwood City Italo-Australian Social Club
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Melb Uni Rangers v Hume United Princes Park Oval #2
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Mill Park v Darebin United Findon Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Hoppers Crossing v Glenroy Grange Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Plenty Valley Lions v Melbourne City Bundoora Park Pavilion

Provi 1 SE
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Monash University v Noble Park United Monash University Sports Oval
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Croydon City Arrows v Southern Suburbs Dorset Recreational Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Springvale City Vales v White Star Dandenong Ross Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Rowville Eagles v Doveton Park Ridge Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Carrum United v Riversdale SC Italo-Australian Club
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Warragul United v Brandon Park Baxter Park (Warragul)

Provi 2 NW
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Northern United v Collingwood City Anderson Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Whittlesea United v Melbourne Tornado Thomastown East Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Uni. Of Melbourne Blues v South Yarra Princes Park Oval #1
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Broadmeadows United v Northern Falcons Progress Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM West Preston v Brimbank City HP Zwar Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM North City Lions v Moreland United Rupert Wallace Reserve

Provi 2 SE
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Mitcham United v Noble Park Terrara Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Old Trinity Grammarians v Lyndale United Trinity Sports Ground
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Berwick Kings v Seaford United Betula Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Ashburton v Keysborough Ashburton Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Beaumaris v Old Xaverians Beaumaris Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Old Melburnians v Scotch Old Boys Robert Menzies Reserve

Provi 3 NW
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Light United Bell Park Sports Club
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Moreland Wolves v Melton Rayner Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Ascot Vale v Epping City Fairbairn Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Hallam v Watsonia Heights Hallam Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Youth United v Reservoir United Seth Raistrick Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Meadow Park v Keon Park Gladstone Park Reserve

Provi 3 SE
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Dandenong Sparrows v Old Camberwell Grammar Fotheringham Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Endeavour Hills v Mornington Power Reserve
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Ringwood City v Eltham North **Jubilee Park**
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Boroondara Lions v Dandenong City Macleay Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Old Brighton Grammarians v Old Carey Dendy Park
22 Jul 06 3:00PM Caulfield United v Dandenong Warriors Victory Park

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STATE LEAGUE ONE Round 15

It's coming to the business end of the season with just on seven rounds remaining for teams to make a charge for the top two spots and a place in the much coveted Victorian Premier League for the 2007 season. On the opposite side it's a last few chances for some teams to extract themselves from the bottom two relegation spots or the lottery place that is third bottom. This round is one of the few that doesn't have a Friday night game and with only a single Saturday game it means that it's a more traditional Sunday round.

The Saturday game saw the resurgent North Coburg United side make the trip along the Princess Freeway to Lara to take on a North Geelong side that has been faltering recently after having been firmly in the top two all season. They find themselves however outside the top two and in danger of losing touch with these spots.

Well, this game was an exciting game and showed just why North Coburg have probably become the form team of the middle third of the season and also shows the fighting spirit that the side from Elcho Park has. The game was entertaining in two ways, the first half belonged to North Coburg who lead by two goals to nil at the break thanks to a brace by Alexander Josifovski. The second half saw North Geelong slowly eek their way into the game and goals By David Cervinski and Mijo Trupkovic saw the North Geelong side gain a point.

A good point for North Coburg and this point almost ensues safety for them from any of the bottom three spots and leaves them comfortably midtable. I think they have left their dash a bit late as promotion goes, but it's been good for them to have such an early slump and not for the whole season. North Geelong are slowly slipping away in their quest for the top two, although they still have some chance of getting one of these spots.

Sunday's games threw up some interesting match ups. The first of which was the erratic Brunswick City travelling the short distance to the John Cain Reserve to tackle Northcote City. Now I am sure George Karkaletsis, the Brunswick coach, would have arrived expecting his side to be able to dispose of the bottom side given the firepower and potential Brunswick have in their side and that Northcote have been struggling for a point.

Northcote City held on for dear life for the first half and then in the second half found a way to score the only goal from George Papadopoulos to cause one heck of an upset. This is a result which at least puts Northcote level with the teams around it and gives them some hope of possibly surviving. This result also encapsulates Brunswick's season and leaves many a question for Brunswick.

The next games saw two draws both by the same score of two goals each, the first between St Albans who had Josip Loncaric and Ilija Rados and Ryan Davidson answered with two goals for the Dandenong Thunder. This game saw most of the action in the second half with the Thunder leading by a single goal at the half then three second half goals got both teams a share of the spoils.

The second of the two all draws on Sunday saw Langwarrin travel west to Paisley Park to battle with the second last placed Altona East Phoenix side. At time of printing no goal scorers had yet been made available but this result leaves Langwarring comfortably in the middle of the table while this result sees the Phoenix fall to Bottom of the league and they are almost certainly to be in the bottom three come seasons end.

The final two games saw both of the teams in the promotion spots win and open a gap from the third placed team. Suburbs now occupy second spot and have a five point break from third placed St Albans and at this stage of the season this is quite a significant break. Today Suburbs welcomed Port Melbourne to the Ralph Reserve and both teams traded goals in the first stanza to go in level at one and the game was poised for another thrilling half in the second. What transpired was Suburbs flexing its muscles and going on a four goal second half rampage to run out comfortable five goals to one winners. Ihor Krapko scored the lone Port Melbourne goal whilst a brace from Lorenz Kidtner and singles to Terry Antoniadis, Leander Rizzo and Goran Cvetkovski saw Suburbs maintain their remarkable season.

The final game saw league leaders Springvale White Eagles travel the short distance to the Kingston Heath to battle and defeat the home side Bentleigh Greens by a score of three goals to one. At the time of printing the goal scorers for this gave were not available.

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ROUND SIXTEEN FIXTURES

PORT MELBOURNE SHARKS v ST ALBANS SAINTS
SS Anderson Reserve,
Port Melbourne Mel: 56 K1
Friday 21st July
KO 8.30pm

BRUNSWICK CITY v NORTH GEELONG WARRIORS
Dunstan Reserve,
Brunswick MEL: 29 B4
Saturday 22nd July
KO 3pm

DANDENONG THUNDER v NORTHCOTE CITY
George Andrews Reserve,
Dandenong Mel: 90 D11
Saturday 22nd July
KO 3pm

ALTONA EAST PHOENIX v BENTLEIGH GREENS
Paisley Park Reserve,
Altona Mel: 55 C5
Saturday 22nd July
KO 3pm

LANGWARRIN v NORTH COBURG UNITED
Lawton Park Reserve,
Baxter MEL: 107 F1
Saturday 22nd July
KO 3pm

SPRINGVALE WHITE EAGLES v WESTERN SUBURBS
Serbian Sports Centre,
Keysborough MEL: 94 G7
Saturday 22nd July
KO 7.30pm

STATE ONE SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles SC	15	9	4	2	22	14	31
Western Suburbs SC	15	8	5	2	23	14	29
St. Albans Saints SC	15	6	6	3	19	12	24
Langwarrin SC	15	5	8	2	26	14	23
North Geelong Warriors SC	14	6	5	3	29	24	23
North Coburg United SC	14	4	6	4	20	14	18
Brunswick City SC	15	5	3	7	23	30	18
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	15	4	5	6	20	26	17
Bentleigh Greens SC	15	3	5	7	18	22	14
Dandenong Thunder SC	15	3	4	8	17	27	13
Northcote City SC	15	3	4	8	12	22	13
Altona East Phoenix SC	15	2	7	6	11	21	13

North Geelong Warriors 2 (D Cervinski, M Trupkovic) North Coburg United 2 (A Josifovski 2) (HT: 0-2),

Northcote City 1 (G Papadopoulos) Brunswick City 0 (HT: 0-0),

St. Albans Saints 2 (I Rados, J Loncaric) Dandenong Thunder 2 (R Davidson 2) (HT: 0-1),

Altona East Phoenix 2 Langwarrin 2 (HT: 2-2),

Western Suburbs 5 (L Rizzo, L Kindtner 2, T Antoniadis, Z Cvetkovski) Port Melbourne 2 (I Khrapko 2) (HT: 1-1),

Bentleigh Greens 1 Springvale White Eagles 3 (N Vukosavljevic, N Papadopoulos) (HT: 0-0)

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Suburbs SC	15	11	1	3	41	17	34
Springvale White Eagles SC	15	9	4	2	38	19	31
Langwarrin SC	14	8	5	1	35	17	29
Dandenong Thunder SC	15	9	0	6	35	18	27
Brunswick City SC	14	8	3	3	29	24	27
Northcote City SC	14	7	2	5	29	22	23
Bentleigh Greens SC	15	4	4	7	24	34	16
North Coburg United SC	13	4	1	8	16	33	13
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	14	3	2	9	21	35	11
North Geelong Warriors SC	14	3	2	9	18	32	11
Altona East Phoenix SC	15	2	5	8	13	30	11
St. Albans Saints SC	14	3	1	10	15	33	10

North Geelong 2 North Coburg United 0,

Northcote City 4 Brunswick City 0,

St. Albans Saints 1 Dandenong Thunder 3,

Altona East Phoenix 0 Langwarrin 0,

Western Suburbs 6 Port Melbourne 0,

Bentleigh Greens 0 Springvale Eagles 4

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STATE LEAGUES

ROVERS RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

Doncaster Rovers 2 Knox City 0 (Half-time 1-0)

Doncaster Rovers got back to winning ways with a hard fought 2-0 victory over Knox City at Anderson's Creek Reserve on Friday night.

A defensive lapse early on and a disputed goal midway through the second half proved to be the difference between the sides.

After some early sparring, Doncaster took the lead in the ninth minute when McAleer worked his way to the bye-line and sent over an excellent cross to the far post where Stefanidis was allowed time to bring the ball down on his chest and drive the ball into the opposite corner of the net, all without a challenge.

Doncaster nearly gave up the lead when a poor clearance from Clarke nearly led to a Knox goal, but some scrambling defence saved the day.

Knox's Coach Jimmy Rooney made a change on the half-hour mark and brought on the speedy Mohammadi. It almost paid early dividends when a fine through ball from Swaine released him, but a fine tackle from Macinkovic in the penalty area averted the danger.

At the other end, McAleer and Stefanidis were a constant threat to the Knox defence with their intelligent running off the ball.

Possession in the first half was roughly even as Doncaster had the better of the start but Knox came on strongly in the twenty minutes before the break.

The second half continued in the same competitive vein. Jorgensen made a couple of fine saves in the Knox goal to keep his side in the game.

Nasser was in good form on the Knox right wing and his darting runs gave the Doncaster defence much to think about all evening.

Midway through the half, Doncaster took an unassailable lead in controversial circumstances. A left wing corner bounced around the penalty area before McAleer forced the ball home, with the entire Knox defence claiming that he had handled in the process. The referee was unmoved and gave the goal.

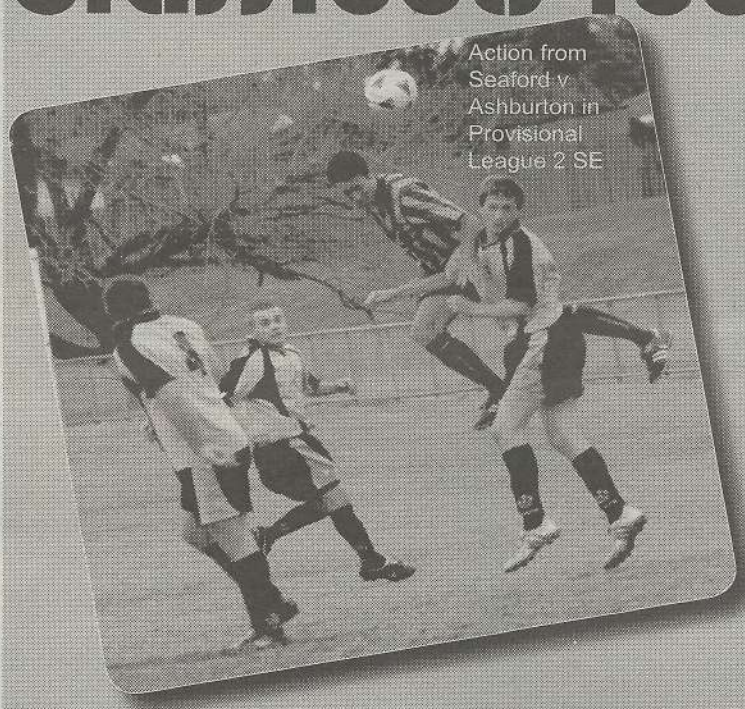
Santaro was lucky to escape a second yellow card for a late tackle on Mohammadi, but despite Nasser continuing to create problems with his pace, Doncaster was able to see out time without too many scares.

Doncaster Rovers: Clarke, Santaro, Duros , Macinkovic, Chiaravalle, Hastie, Chisholm (Yildirim – 66th), Mackie, Wiles (Ardesi – 66th), McAleer (Wilson – 74th), Stafanidis. Subs not used: Ciric, De Angelis.

Knox City: Jorgensen, Sobrio, Swami (O'Connor – 83rd), Orlando, Edgar, Humphreys, Ziada, Swaine, Vernon, Hammond (Mohammadi – 31st), Nasser. Subs not used: Harrold, Skinner.

By Bruce Darnell

Grassroots football rules!



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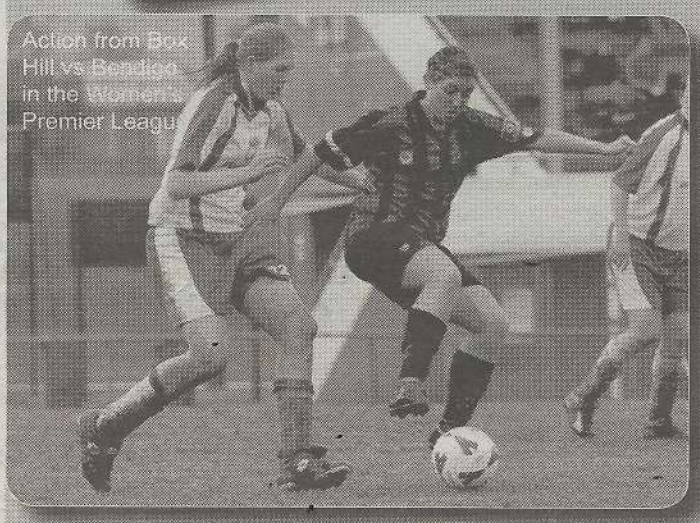

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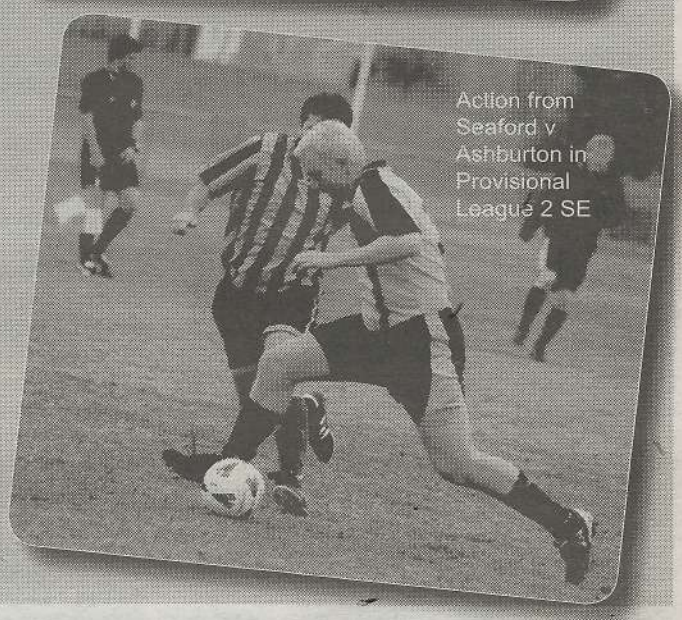

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THIRDS AND MASTERS LEAGUES

THIRDS SOUTH

Southern Suburbs 2 Dandenong Thunder 5, White Star Dandenong 9 Springvale City 3, Sandringham City 1 Doveton 6, Berwick City South Eastern United , Carrum Utd 0 Riversdale 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doveton SC	12	11	1	0	43	9	34
Dandenong Thunder SC	12	11	0	1	64	18	33
Springvale City SC	12	7	1	4	41	46	22
Berwick City SC	11	5	2	4	34	11	17
Sandringham City SC	11	4	2	5	36	34	14
White Star Dandenong SC	12	4	2	6	47	51	14
South Eastern United	10	3	2	5	32	37	11
Southern Suburbs SC	12	3	2	7	33	40	11
Riversdale	11	3	0	8	20	26	9
Carrum Utd	11	0	0	11	10	88	0

THIRDS SOUTH EAST

Caulfield Grammarians 2 Croydon City , Richmond Rangers 0 Brighton 5, La Trobe University 2 1 RMIT Redbacks 2 12, Old Xaverians 2 Old Melburnians 1, Clayton 2 Mooroolbark 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton SC	12	10	1	1	65	17	31
Mooroolbark SC	12	9	0	3	56	21	27
Old Melburnians SC	12	6	2	4	34	25	20
Richmond Rangers SC	12	6	0	6	25	42	18
RMIT Redbacks 2	12	4	3	5	44	28	15
Clayton SC	12	4	2	6	29	39	14
La Trobe University 2	12	4	2	6	28	42	14
Croydon City	11	4	1	6	30	34	13
Caulfield Grammarians 2	11	4	1	6	20	34	13
Old Xaverians SC	12	2	0	10	17	66	6

THIRDS EAST

Monash Uni 0 Boroondara Lions 3, Oakleigh Cannons 3 Mitcham Utd 0, Waverley Wanderers Ashburton , Central Park Rangers 2 South Yarra 2, Doncaster Rovers Old Trinity Grammarians

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Waverley Wanderers SC	11	10	1	0	65	6	31
Oakleigh Cannons SC	11	9	1	1	48	15	28
Doncaster Rovers SC	11	6	4	1	43	18	22
South Yarra SC	12	6	2	4	28	31	20
Ashburton SC	10	5	0	5	24	23	15
Boroondara Lions FC	11	3	2	6	19	26	11
Central Park Rangers SC	12	3	2	7	22	40	11
Monash Uni	12	3	1	8	12	49	10
Mitcham Utd	13	2	3	8	12	45	9

THIRDS NORTH

Brunswick City Moreland Utd , Preston Lions Thornbury Utd , Moreland City La Trobe University , Reservoir Strikers 7 University Of Melbourne 4, Bye Watsonia Heights

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	10	8	2	0	46	14	26
La Trobe University SC	10	8	2	0	39	13	26
Reservoir Strikers SC	11	7	2	2	49	26	23
Moreland City SC	9	6	1	2	34	18	19
Brunswick City SC	10	3	1	6	12	20	10
Watsonia Heights SC	10	3	1	6	16	34	10
University Of Melbourne	10	3	1	6	20	40	10
Preston Lions SC	10	1	0	9	12	48	3
Thornbury Utd	10	0	2	8	10	25	2
Moreland Wolves	0		0	0	0		

THIRDS NORTH WEST

Westgate Care Park Westvale , Reservoir Strikers 2 2 Altona City 4, Meadow Park 1 Melbourne University Rangers 3, Essendon Utd 4 Brunswick Zebras 2, Avondale Heights 2 Hoppers Crossing 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City SC	11	9	2	0	41	20	29
Westgate Care Park SC	11	7	3	1	35	10	24
Hoppers Crossing SC	12	7	1	4	42	30	22
Essendon United SC	11	7	1	3	25	19	22
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	4	5	3	27	22	17
Melbourne University Rangers	12	5	2	5	25	33	17
Reservoir Strikers 2	12	3	4	5	29	31	13
Avondale Heights SC	11	1	3	7	16	34	6
Westvale SC	10	2	0	8	17	41	6
Meadow Park SC	12	1	1	10	14	31	4

THIRDS METRO

Juventus Old Boys 6 Old Camberwell Grammar 0, St Kevins Old Boys Collingwood City , Clifton Hill Utd Whittlesea United , Melbourne Lions 6 Melbourne University Rangers 1, Monash University 4 Boroondara Lions 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Juventus Old Boys SC	10	9	1	0	43	7	28
Melbourne Lions	12	8	0	4	39	24	24
Old Camberwell Grammar SC	11	7	1	3	28	21	22
Collingwood City SC	11	7	1	3	29	24	22
Clifton Hill Utd	11	6	1	4	36	24	19
Melbourne University Rangers	12	4	2	6	20	25	14
Monash University SC	12	4	1	7	25	23	13
St Kevins Old Boys	10	2	0	8	31	34	6
Boroondara Lions FC	10	2	0	8	7	44	6
Whittlesea United SC	9	1	1	7	10	42	4

THIRDS CENTRAL

St Kevinâ€™s Old Boys Collingwood City , Moreland City Reds Elwood City , RMIT Redbacks 2 North Caulfield 5, Central Park AC Malvern 2 University Of Melbourne 1, Monash University 0 Caulfield Gram-

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield Grammarians SC	12	8	2	2	33	20	26
Monash University SC	12	7	2	3	21	11	23
Collingwood City SC	11	7	1	3	28	14	22
St Kevinâ€™s Old Boys	11	6	3	2	22	17	21
Central Park AC Malvern SC	12	5	4	3	22	15	19
North Caulfield SC	12	5	0	7	31	34	15
RMIT Redbacks SC	12	4	2	6	15	26	14
Elwood City SC	11	3	2	6	15	22	11
Moreland City Reds	11	3	1	7	9	21	10
University Of Melbourne	12	1	1	10	12	28	4

MASTERS SOUTH EAST

Juventus Old Boys 45 4 Ringwood City 1, Bye Monash University , Endeavour Hills 1 Brighton 0, Bye Doveton , Glen Waverley 3 Beaumaris Blues 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Endeavour Hills SC	9	6	1	2	24	10	19
Doveton SC	8	6	0	2	29	12	18
Ringwood City	9	5	2	2	21	14	17
Beaumaris Blues	10	5	1	4	22	15	16
Glen Waverley	10	5	0	5	24	20	15
Monash University	9	5	0	4	17	22	15
Brighton SC	8	1	0	7	7	28	3
Juventus Old Boys 45	9	1	0	8	10	33	3

MASTERS NORTH WEST

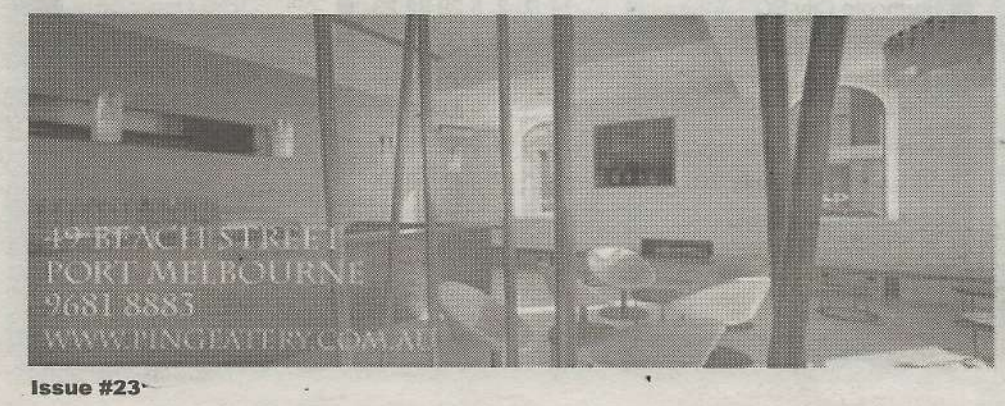
Youth Utd Bye , Bye Werribee City , Laverton Park 4 North Coburg Utd 6, Melbourne Lions 0 Hume Utd 11, Heidelberg Utd Black Sunshine Blues

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Blues	9	8	1	0	63	5	25
Hume Utd	9	7	0	2	47	20	21
North Coburg Utd	10	6	1	3	44	29	19
Laverton Park	9	5	1	3	36	32	16
Heidelberg Utd Black	8	5	1	2	31	27	16
Werribee City	9	1	1	7	20	46	4
Youth Utd	8	1	0	7	23	47	3
Melbourne Lions	10	0	1	9	11	69	1

MASTERS CENTRAL

South Yarra , Bye Uni Of Melbourne Bohemians , North Caulfield Beaumaris Whites , Doncaster Rovers Juventus Old Boys "35" , Collingwood City Ashburton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Juventus Old Boys "35"	8	7	0	1	42	13	21
South Yarra SC	8	7	0	1	28	8	21
Collingwood City	9	6	1	2	39	14	19
Beaumaris Whites	9	5	1	3	30	25	16
Doncaster Rovers SC	8	3	1	4	21	19	10
North Caulfield SC	9	3	1	5	30	29	10
Uni Of Melbourne Bohemia	9	1	0	8	16	47	3
Ashburton SC	8	0	0	8	11	62	0



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On returning to Australia, I have been asked about what the reaction was like in England after their World Cup exit. Do they blame Rooney, Ronaldo or the team's inability to win a penalty shoot-out?

My answer is no. We had a team of players capable of much more than what we acheived. Guus Hiddink, Jurgen Klinsmann and Luiz Felipe Scolari managed much more with less. It was the inability of the England manager, Sven-Goran Eriksson. Sven is, in my opinion totally at fault.

England had one of the best elevens in the tournament and certainly England's best eleven for, perhaps ever. Sven spent five years as England manager and in that time capped many players. While his stats are unquestionable and are the best for any England manager: played 67, won 40, drawn 17 and lost 10 an average of 2.29 (3 for a win and I for a draw). He lost on the three head to heads with Luiz Felipe Scolari, and this time he has fewer excuses playing a weaker team that lacked Costinha and Deco. As predicted it was a lack of strikers and poor decision making from the manager that cost England's victory.

When England beat Germany 5-1 five years ago, Sven earned respect and with it a lengthy honeymoon period. However, England still only qualified by a last minute free kick, by David Beckham, against Greece. England's 2002 world cup started well but they were finally exposed against Scolari's Brazil, struggling to hold onto a 1-0 lead and losing in the quarters. Brazil became World Champions, England lost to a better team.

Two years later, Sven's squad had matured, youthful yet experienced, and there was a young Wayne Rooney on board. When Sven's team was again faced with Scolari, this time manager of Portugal, again they decided to hang on to a 1-0 lead and were caught out defending. Sven's substitutions were all defensive Phil Neville for Steven Gerrard and Owen Hargreaves for Paul Scholes. This time England lost to a better team, playing on home ground.

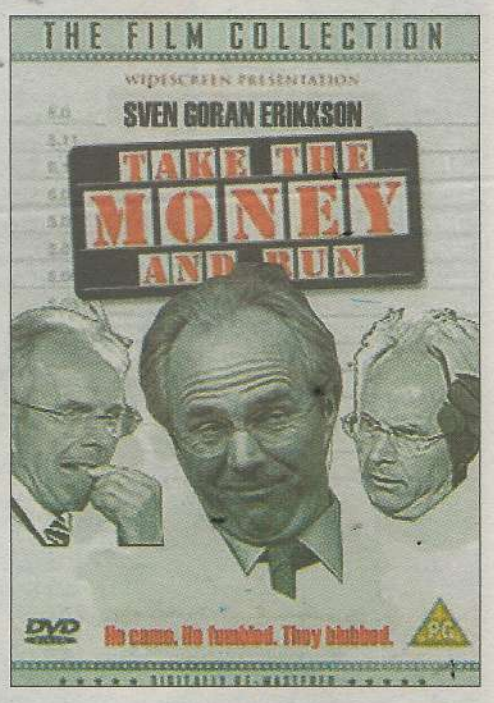
At the 2006 World Cup, England qualified top of their group. However this was against a poor Poland side and with an embarrassing loss against Northern Ireland. In Germany, whilst it was not pretty, England won games and topped their group. In theory it was a good start. However, Sven still didn't know what formation to play, it changed each game and along with the starting eleven. 4-4-2, 4-1-3-2, 4-5-1, then an impromptu 4-4-1. After five years in charge, he was still unsure and chose the formation to incorporate his best players, seemingly on reputation, not because these players were the best available for their position.

It seemed neither based on detailed knowledge of the opposition or a tried and tested system that worked. For example, Rooney made an outstanding comeback from injury, but made little impact in the tournament without a goal to his name. This was not Rooney's fault. It was because Sven played him as a lone striker. In a position that was alien to him and frustrated him to the extent that his young and feisty behaviour got him sent off in the last game. As it happens England played better with 10 men, in a more familiar 4-4-1.

At least England are now a recognised best eight in the world having made the last three quarter finals of major tournaments. But, with nine or ten players (maybe not the goalkeeper) who are arguably in the top three in the world in their position we should be at least in the top four.

Sven cost England more than his £24 million in wages and has cost us the best chance of winning the World Cup in 40 years. He has also left us with his understudy Steve McClaren, England has gone backwards!

By Richard Sucksmith



England's World Cup failure lays on the high-priced Swede's inability to get the best out of a talented squad

OVERSEAS TRANSFER NEWS with George Egonidis

Del Piero's destination is still undecided

A special Italian-Match-Fixing-Scandal edition of transfer gossip this week, with the weekend's decision to demote Juventus, Lazio and Fiorentina to Serie B, and to hand Milan a 15-point handicap in Serie A next season sending managers and chairmen across the continent scrambling for their chequebooks as they seek to pick over the carcasses of Italy's fallen giants.

With Milan escaping the drop, early summer targets Alessandro Nesta, Gennaro Gattuso, Kaka and Andrea Pirlo have been snatched from under the noses of Chelsea, Manchester United and Real Madrid. Fiorentina's most prized asset, Luca Toni, is being courted by Internazionale, but the real action is over at Juventus, which was not only relegated, but stripped of its past two titles as well. The star-studded Old Lady contributed an astonishing eight players to the World Cup final, but it's likely that only veteran Alessandro Del Piero will be there next season.

Fabio Cannavaro: Former coach Fabio Capello has already stated his desire to take him to Real Madrid, but will face stiff competition from Chelsea.

Gianluigi Buffon: Arsenal is believed to have already lodged a bid for Buffon – estimated to be as high as £12m – but with Milan avoiding relegation, his most likely destination is the San Siro.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic: The 24-year-old Swedish international has reportedly already reached an agreement with Internazionale.

Mauro Camoranesi: Interest coming in from both Valencia and Liverpool.

Emerson: A Capello favourite, he's odds on to follow his former boss to Real Madrid.

Gianluca Zambrotta: Could be the third Juventus player to turn out for Real next season but Liverpool is also sniffing around.

Patrick Vieira: Inter sees Vieira as the perfect replacement for Juan Sebastian Veron, but there is also strong interest from Manchester United, who see the Frenchman as the perfect replacement for Roy Keane.

David Trezeguet: Most likely to return to France, where Lyon is the frontrunner for his signature, although Arsene Wenger and Rafael Benitez are also known admirers.

Lilian Thuram: Tottenham has tested the waters with a £2m bid for the 34-year-old French international, but Barcelona is believed to be in the box seat to sign him.

In other news, the summer-long saga of where Ruud van Nistelrooy will play next season is almost at an end, with United believed to have agreed terms with Real Madrid late last week. Cash from the deal will finance moves for a holding midfielder – **Vieira, Michael Carrick or Owen Hargreaves** – and a new striker, with Jermaine Defoe continually linked with a move to Old Trafford. Tomasz Kuszczak is set to join United in a £3m deal, but West Brom is looking to take youngster Giuseppe Rossi on loan for a year as part of the deal.

Similarly, Arsenal is considering loaning England World Cup squad member **Theo Walcott** to West Brom if it will help swing the deal for defender Curtis Davies their way. Wenger is reportedly prepared to pay £8m to get his man.

Scott Chipperfield might be heading to Charlton

Iain Dowie's Charlton is looking to sign Australian international **Scott Chipperfield** on the cheap from FC Basel, with the clubs currently haggling over a fee. West Ham and Middlesbrough have entered the race to sign **Brett Emerton**, whom Blackburn is still hopeful of keeping for the last year of his contract. And with **Lucas Neill** reportedly set to reject a new deal at Rovers in the coming week, Mark Hughes could be dealt a double blow as he seeks to prepare the club for a Uefa Cup campaign.

And in brief…

►Blackburn is also under pressure to hang onto defender Ryan Nelsen, after Portsmouth lodged a £4m bid for the New Zealander.

►Middlesbrough has offered £2.5m for Manchester City midfielder Joey Barton.

►Real Madrid and Barcelona are both testing Manchester United's resolve, with bids for Argentine defender Gabriel Heinze.

►Newcastle defender Jean-Alain Boumsong will move to Monaco for around £3m.

►Should they lose **Michael Carrick**, Tottenham will replace him with £7m-rated Bolton midfielder Kevin Nolan.

►Fulham's quest to replace Steed Malbranque has led them to Lyon, where they hope to sign winger **Sydney Govou** in a £3.5m deal.

Meanwhile, the Cottagers have knocked back Birmingham's offer of £3m for striker Collins John.

Bayern Munich has offered Marseille £7m for French international **Franck Ribery**, Arsenal has offered £10m, but Real Madrid will blow them both out of the water with a £26m deal.

►Valencia is willing to sell defender **Roberto Ayala**, with Spurs leading the chase.

Frank Ribery is being courted by Bayern Munich

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32 YEARS OF WAIT ENDS

On 12 June, the Socceroos defeated Japan 3-1 in their opening game in Kaiserslautern, with Tim Cahill scoring two goals (84', 89') and John Aloisi scoring one (92+') all in the last eight minutes to claim their first World Cup finals victory. An early controversial call by Egyptian referee Essam Abd El Fatah, that awarded a goal (26') to Shunsuke Nakamura, despite an apparent foul to Australian goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer, had the Australians playing catch-up until the last eight minutes. Schwarzer and Viduka claimed that Abd El Fatah apologised over allowing Nakamura's goal to stand after the incident, admitting he had made a mistake, although Abd El Fatah later denied making an apology and said that "FIFA's refereeing committee... agreed unanimously that Japan's goal against Australia was correct." Both Cahill and Alois came in as substitutes in the second half of the game. Their goal are the first ever scored by Australia in the World Cup Finals. Australia was the first team in the 2006 tournament to come back after being 1-0 down. Also, no other team has scored three goals in the last seven minutes of a match in World Cup finals history.

ZIZOU EXITS WITH A BANG

In the 110th minute of the 2006 World Cup final against Italy, Zidane was sent off for headbutting Marco Materazzi in the chest after an exchange of words in an off the ball incident. As Zidane was walking away from Materazzi, the Italian appeared to be saying something. Zidane turned around, took a few short steps, lowered his head and butted Materazzi in the chest. The Italian immediately fell to the ground. Play was halted and referee Horacio Elizondo did not appear to have seen the confrontation. After the intervention of the fourth official Luis Medina Cantalejo, Zidane was shown the red card and sent off. Zidane handed the captain's armband to Fabien Barthez and the winner of the FIFA World Footballer of the Year on three occassions exited the pitch for the last time in his professional career.

KLOSE GETS THE BOOT

The Polish born German striker finished as the tournament's top scorer with 5 goals and thus became the Golden Boot winner of the 2006 World Cup. Klose also scored 5 goals in his debut World Cup, the 2002 World Cup hosted jointly by the Korea Republic and Japan, giving him a total of 10 goals in World Cup finals. He is the first player representing unified Germany to finish as a World Cup finals top scorer, and the only player to have scored 5 or more goals in consecutive World Cup finals.
Following his heroics in Germany the Werder Bremen striker is now said to be a target for Spanish giants, Real Madris but his Bundesliga club has responded by saying he will not be sold for less than 20million British pounds.

Italy 1 - 1 France

FORZA AZZURI!

The tournament culminated in in Berlin on July 9, 2006, and France. After the regulation level at 1-1, forcing extra time proved goalless and a pena Italy won 5-3. It was the first won the 1982 FIFA World Cu was first) to be decided on championship was achieved durance, and did not rely o lar. Their 12 goals were sco The famed Italian defense, Cannavaro, greatly contribute despite a slow start in the gr galvanized in part by the pe edine Zidane who, playing in announced retirement, was h award for best player.

BRAZIL FAIL TO FIRE

Entering the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany, Brazil was seen as heavy favorites to repeat their success at the previous cup. Brazil beat Croatia 1-0, Australia 2-0, Japan 4-1, the first two being hard-fought matches, to come out at the top of their group. However, Ronaldo was heavily criticized by the press for being overweight and did not find his scoring form until the match against Japan. During the second round, they defeated Ghana 3-0. However, Brazil was eliminated in the quarterfinals by France by a score of 1-0. France was led by a rejuvenated Zinedine Zidane who setup his team's winning goal, and Brazil managed just one shot at French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez due to the heavy marking of Ronaldo and Ronaldinho. The night after Brazil's defeat, vandals burned and destroyed a 7-meter tall fiberglass and resin statue of Ronaldinho. The game was also notable for being the first time that the Brazil team had been shut out in consecutive matches against a particular team. Of course, the last match between these two was the Final of the1998 World Cup when France triumphed 3-0 in Paris.

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ROONEY SEES RED

England's 20 year old wonder talent Wayne Rooney was sent off after a crude tangle with Manchester United team-mate Ronaldino in the quarter final against Portugal which finished with England's exit from the tournament. He became only the third English player to be sent off in a World Cup Finals. There was concern for Rooney's fitness ahead of the current World Cup after the fourth metatarsal on his right foot was broken. FA doctors declared Rooney match fit in time for the match against Trinidad & Tobago. Prior to the match there was much speculation as to whether he would be risked by playing him at this stage.
Captain David Beckham retired from international football immediately after the loss and as England's first ever foreign manager, Sven Goran Erikson's reign of six years also came to a close.

Croatia 2 - 2 Australia (Group F Ist Round Stuttgart)

On 22 June, Australia faced Croatia in Stuttgart. The final score was 2-2. A goal from Darijo Srna in the second minute put Australia on the back foot. Australia equalised with a penalty goal from Craig Moore (38'). Niko Kovac gave Croatia a 2-1 lead before Australia equalised again through Harry Kewell (79'), although he may have been offside. The referee Graham Poll issued eight yellow cards, resulting in three expulsions, and made the mistake of presenting Croatia's Josip Simunic with three yellow cards before sending him off after the final whistle. Poll was later dismissed from World Cup refereeing duties by FIFA, who claimed that his mistake was "unacceptable". As Brazil beat Japan 4-1, Australia proceeded to the next round to face Italy.

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ed with the Golden Ball

RONALDO TIPS THE SCALES ONCE AGAIN

With his two goals against Japan, the player other wise know as "The Phenomenon" became the 20th player ever to score in three different FIFA World Cups. Ronaldo scored in the 1998, the 2002 and the 2006 FIFA World Cups. Although widely criticised for looking overweight, he broke the all-time World Cup Finals scoring record of 14, held by Germany's Gerd Müller after scoring his 15th World Cup goal against Ghana in this year's World Cup Round of 16. The 29 year old has now scored 62 goals in 97 international matches.

THE HIDDINK FACTOR

Beyond all expectation Dutch coach Guus Hiddink led Australia through the seemingly impossible task of qualifying into the World Cup finals by outdoing Uruguay in a fierce home and away play-off. Hiddink won the respect of Australia by taking the Socceroos into the second round after three inspiring performances in the group phase. Hiddink will coach the Russian national team after the 2006 World Cup and although his departure from Australia will be sorely missed his influennce will remain in a country that learned a lot in a very short time.

Serie A 'Heavies' Relegated

ROME, Jul 14- Juventus, Lazio, and Fiorentina were all relegated to Serie B on Friday after being found guilty of sporting fraud during the 2004/05 Serie A season.

AC Milan were found guilty as well, but will remain in Serie A with a 15-point penalty to start the 2006/07 season. However, they will be banned from the Champions League.

The three relegated clubs also received points penalties of differing severity on top of their demotion to the second tier of Italian football. Juventus were docked 30 points, Fiorentina 15 points, and Lazio seven points.

Messina, Lecce and Treviso, who were all relegated after the 2005/06 season, will be allowed to stay in the top flight in the stead of the penalized clubs.

In addition, Juventus' Serie A championships from 2004/05 and 2005/06 have both been stripped and all four clubs have been banned from European competition for the 2006/07 season.

The penalty to Juventus is actually a bit of reprieve after prosecutors had called for the Old Lady to be sent a further division down to Serie C1, while Milan were lucky to escape relegation.

Juventus' 30-point penalty will make it near impossible to win promotion next season, ensuring that the Turin side are out of Serie A for at least two seasons to come.

Fiorentina are no strangers to relegation themselves, having been sent from Serie A to Serie C1 due to financial troubles after the 2001/02 season. They were promoted to Serie B in 2004, but were awarded a spot in Serie A when the top flight expanded to 20 teams.

Lazio and Milan have also been relegated for irregularities in the past, being sent down to Serie B in 1980 for match-fixing and betting on Serie A games. Lazio won promotion in 1983 before being relegated again, but have been in the top flight since 1988.

Juventus and Italy keeper Gialuigi Buffon will be playing in Serie B unless he transfers

Milan, meanwhile, won promotion the year after relegation, but their return to Serie A brough an almost immediate return Serie B. They, though, have been in the top flight since 1982.

The Italian FA (FIGC) has been told by UEFA that they have until 25 July to submit the list of their clubs that will be participating in European competition.

Many of the individuals involved in the match-fixing scandal have also been handed severe penalties. Former Juventus general manager Luciano Moggi, the man whom the investigation most heavily focused on, was banned from football for five years.

Also, Fiorentina president Andrea Della Valle (four years), Lazio chairman Claudio Lotito (3 years), and former Milan vice president Adriano Galliani (one year) were banned.

By Jonathan Sharpe

Headbutt Saga Continues

PARIS, Jul 12 - Speaking for the first time since his sending off in the World Cup final on Sunday, retiring France midfielder Zinedine Zidane apologized for his headbutt against Italy defender Marco Materazzi.

Speaking on French television, Zidane did not say exactly what Materazzi said to him, but did say that the comment that sparked the headbutt involved something absuive about the player's mother and sister.

Several media outlets have hired Italian lip-readers to translate what Materazzi said to Zidane in the buildup to the headbutt, but the translations have all been different and have varied in their message.

Zidane said in the interview, "I want to ask for forgiveness from all the children who watched that. There was no excuse for it. I want to be open and honest about it."

Rumors immediately went around that Materazzi called Zidane a terrorist, reports that the defender has denied vehemently.

Despite Zidane's retirement, FIFA has still said they will launch an investigation into the incident and Sepp Blatter has said he could potentially strip Zidane of the Golden Ball.

Meanwhile...

Italian World Cup winner Marco Materazzi is set to face a FIFA disciplinary committee for his part in the infamous Zinedine Zidane head-butt incident.

"As part of the process, Zinedine Zidane will be given the right to be heard by means of a written statement, which must be submitted by 18 July," confirmed a FIFA statement.

"Materazzi will subsequently be sent a copy of the statement so that he can respond to it.

"Both players have been summoned to attend a face-to-face hearing before the disciplinary committee at FIFA headquarters in Zurich on Thursday, 20 July."

Zidane has accused the Italian of repeatedly abusing him in the lead up to the incident.

Donadoni succeeds Lippi

New Italy coach Roberto Donadoni

ROME, Jul 13- Former international player Roberto Donadoni faces the difficult task of succeeding Marcello Lippi as coach of the Italian national team.

The 42 year old Donadoni had been without a job since resigning at Livorno earlier this year.

Donadoni spent most of his career as player at AC Milan, where he won five league titles and three Champions Cup trophies. He also participated at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, and played a total of 63 matches for the 'Azzurri'.

According to the Italian football association FIGC, Donadoni will be officially presented on Tuesday.

Donadoni's appointment comes after the now legendary Lippi added the ultimate prize to his list of accolades.

After helping Italy to their first World Cup in 24 years, Marcello Lippi resigned as manager of the Azzurri on Wednesday after several days of speculation that he would leave.

The 58-year-old, who took over the reigns of Italy following their group stage knockout at Euro 2004, said he was satisfied with the job done in his two years in charge.

"I believe that I have achieved what I set out to achieve as coach of the Italian team." said Lippi. "I want to thank the federation for the confidence it had in me during the last two years of work crowned by a result that will rest in the annals of Italian football and live on in the memory of our fans."

Lippi was also not happy with focus put on and his son Davide as part of the match-fixing scandal. Marcello was questioned by not implicated, but Davide is under investigation with a player agency involved.

Lippi enjoyed a fine run as manger of Italy, losing just twice before going on a 25-match unbeaten run that culminated with the World Cup final.

Italy's first Euro 2008 qualifier is on 2 September at home against Lithuania and they will also compete against Scotland, Ukraine, Georgia, the Faroe Islands, and fellow finalists France in 12 total games.

Kranjcar Sacked

Zlatko Kranjcar is sacked after a disappointing campaign

ZAGREB, Jul 14 - The Croatian football association HNS has sacked coach Zlatko Kranjcar after a disappointing performance at the recent World Cup in Germany.

Croatia first lost 1-0 to Brazil, and then drew 0-0 with Japan and 2-2 with Australia to finish third in Group F.

The HNS now wants a foreign coach to lead the team that survived all three World Cup qualifications it participated in, to take Croatia to the European Championships in 2008.

Qualifying for the tournament in Austria and Switzerland, Croatia's main rival is England. Other teams in that group are Andorra, Israel, Macedonia and Russia.

Arena's time is up

NEW YORK, Jul 14- After a month's worth of speculation, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) decided on Friday not to renew the contract of national team coach Bruce Arena.

Arena, who took over from the sacked Steve Sampson after the USA's 1998 World Cup ouster in France, led the USA to a shock quarter-final appearance in 2002 and twice won the Gold Cup, but was heavily criticized in the States for his tactical plans after the Americans were knocked out at the group stage in Germany.

USSF President Sunil Galati said on Friday, "I'm not going to say we felt the need to change directions. The direction Bruce has set is very, very positive. We didn't get the results we wanted in the World Cup, but Bruce didn't become a bad coach in three games with a few bad bounces of the ball."

Arena, who won five national college championships at the University of Virginia and twice won the MLS Cup with DC United prior to taking over for the USA, issued a statement of gratitude and appreciation.

"I would like to thank the players, coaches and staff who have been with the program over the last eight years," Arena said. "Their tireless effort has helped transform the national team program into something we can all be proud of, and I am extremely grateful for their commitment. I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience, and I would like to thank U.S. Soccer for the opportunity and their support throughout my tenure. I am proud of how far the organization has come over the last eight years, and I am extremely optimistic about the future of the sport in our country."

Arena's contract expires at the end of 2006 and attention now shifts to finding a replacement. As a result, Jürgen Klinsmann's name has come up in many soccer circles in the USA as the favorite to take over, but Galati urged caution over this speculation.

Gulati said he hasn't spoken to the German since January, but that he could potentially be a candidate for the post.

Klinsmann quits Germany job

BERLIN, Jul 13– Germany have moved quickly in filling the national coaching vacancy by appointing 46-year-old Joachim Loew.

Loew, who was by Klinsmann's side as assistant at this summer's World Cup Finals, has been handed a two-year deal by the German Football Federation.

When asked if he would stand by the methods used by Klinsmann over the last two years, the new national boss stated: "That's the only way we can achieve a lasting place among the very best in the world," insisted Loew.

Loew was seen as the natural successor to Klinsmann once the German Football Federation learnt of the Californian based manager's decision to step down.

After surpassing most pundits predictions as host nation this summer, the pressure will be on the manager to guide the Germans safely through to Euro 2008, in a group including the Czech Republic, Ireland and Slovakia.

Oz Tops Asian Rankings

Australia celbrates after Craig Moore levelled the scores against Croatia

The Qantas Socceroos are the highest ranked nation in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) at number 33 according to the latest FIFA World Rankings released today, ahead of Iran (now ranked 47 – down 24 places), Japan (49 – down 31 places) and Korea Republic (56 – down 27 places).

While heartened by Australia's ranking within its new Confederation, Football Federation Australia Chief Executive Officer John O'Neill was puzzled by the relatively modest improvement in Australia's official position.

"While Australia's move of nine places is obviously positive, it is a little perplexing when compared with some of the other ranking changes. It appears that there are countries, for example, that have had large improvements of 20+ places, to a position higher than Australia's, when they did not qualify for the recent World Cup. While we understand that the ranking system considers several years-worth of results, Australia's relatively meager improvement would not seem to accurately reflect the achievements of the Socceroos over the last year or so.

"We will be seeking further information from FIFA so that we can better understand the way the new ranking system works. That should help us address the apparent dichotomy between the many independent acknowledgements of the team's performances on one hand, and these clinical but somewhat counter-intuitive official rankings, on the other."

Courtesy: FFA

Referee Horacio Elizondo Moves On

Parada Robles, July 14- The World cup referee who sent off Wayne Rooney and Zinedine Zidane will stand down from his job as a match official.

It seems the World Cup final will be Horacio Elizondo's last game as a match referee. The 42 year old was pleased with his performance throughout the World Cup and feels is it now time to pass on his knowledge to others.

The Argentinian stated, "My goals in refereeing have been achieved. It's time now to teach what I have learnt."

He added, "I want to leave through the front door.

When questioned on his decision to send off Zinedine Zidane in his final game for France, Elizondo commented on the incident saying, "A referee is ready to work with 22 players, 11 of each colour and with different numbers, not caring about the names,"

"You cannot even think you're sending-off Zidane in the last game of his career."

French Coach Raymond Domenech is thought to have believed the sending off was based on television replays.

When questioned on the red card Elizondo issued to him, Wayne Rooney replied, "I want to say absolutely categorically that I did not intentionally put my foot down on Carvalho.

Source: Soccerway

BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric

It was the headbutt that rocked the world and launched a million PhotoShop images. Zidane ended his career with a bang, to the chest, and Italy went on to win the World Cup for a fourth time.

Zizou retires from football now, and will take up a role with the World Wrestling Enterntainment group. I predict his diving headbutt finishing move will secure him a long run as World Champion. Then, a few months before Wrestlemania XXX a cocky Materazzi will emerge one night to make a speech. "This son of a terrorist whore is your Champion?" he will begin, thereby starting the build up to the biggest Pay Per View in wrestling history.

Not everything was rosy in Italian football this week, however, with the match fixing scandal ending with three clubs relegated to Serie B and AC Milan starting next season on minus fifteen points. Now we will get to see if the authorities over there show more spine than the local officials and uphold these punishments, or water them down when the appeals are held.

Tricky question - in which country is football most corrupt, Italy or Greece? Too hard to call but I am just glad Italians and Greeks do not run Victorian football.

I have heard a delegation of Victorian football officials went to Germany recently on a fact-finding mission. I also recall newspaper stories just before the Cup about a giant brothel built to accomodate expected World Cup demand, which made headlines when Saudi Arabians and Iranians objected to their flags being placed on the side of the building along with the other competing nations. Was the "fact" our local officials were investigating the long held claim that they "couldn't organise a root in a brothel"?

Not much early weekend action in the Vodafone Cup this weekend, with the only game played prior to Sunday being Richmond defeating Altona Magic 1-0. Four wins in a row for Richmond, moving from outright bottom of the table to the fringe of the Top Six. If Richmond makex the finals Phil Stubbins should not only win a second successive Coach of the Year Award, he should be given the Melbourne Victory gig immediately.

Melbourne Victory has found another Brazilian! Three now, I reckon that is just enough to make Craig Foster their biggest fan. In a novel approach, they have also decided to use the full 20 roster spots allowed.

Until next week, unless the brothel paragraph gets me in more hot water than a lobster.

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Thanks to Melbourne's newest soccer depot, Soccer Scene, Goal! Weekly will be giving away a Patrick soccer ball each week to the first correct entry of the Soccer Scene "Question of the Week."

This week's question is:
Who scored Italy's equalizing goal in the World Cup Final against France?

Send in your entry today to:
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A QUESTION OF SPORT

1/ How many World Cup has Italy no won?

2/ Who is the new coach of *the Azzurri*?

3/ Which champion defender has played the most games for Italy with a total of 126 caps?

4/ Name the four Italian clubs involved in the Serie A match fixing scandals?

5/ Which Italian club does Socceroo Marco Bresciano play for?

6/ True or false? "Calcio" is the word for "football" in Italian.

7/ Italy has been crowned European Champions once. Was it in 1968, 1962 or 1980?

8/ Which club does Marco Materazzi play for?

9/ When Australia played Italy at the MCG for the 2000 Sydney Olympics, what was the score?

10/ Any chance of remembering who the scorer was for Italy in the 81st minute?

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

A man goes into Tullumarine airport and eventually goes into the departure lounge waiting for his flight home to be called. All around him there are overturned tables, upturned chairs, smashed windows, flight monitors broken and crowd control barriers lying on the floor.
'Crikey, what's happened here?' he asks one of the ground crew.
'Oh yeah', he replies 'Hopeless isn't it.....we had the Victory players in here this morning filming the new Nike ad.'

Q: Why should you be careful playing football against a team of big cats?
A: They might be cheetahs!

QUIZ ANSWERS

1/ Four: 1934, 1938, 1982 & 2006.
2/ Roberto Donadoni
3/ Paolo Maldini
4/ Juventus, AC Milan, Lazio & Fiorentina
5/ Parma
6/ True
7/ 1968
8/ Inter Milan
9/ 1-0 to Italy
10/ Pirlo

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WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE Round 17

Box Hill keeper, Helen Klerides receives a visit by Kellie Moller

Only three matches once again in the Vodafone WPL, with all three resulting in victories for sides in the top five of the competition. Heidelberg, Box Hill and Cranbourne all made the most of their rivals inactivity to maintain their respective journeys towards finals action.

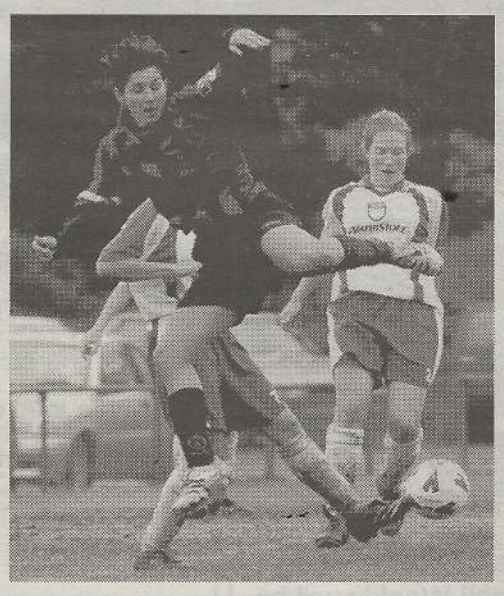
Heidelberg United chalked up its thirteenth victory of the season, and third in succession with a 4-0 triumph over Brimbank at the Italo-Australian Social Club on Saturday. Whilst the win does not enable it to improve on its current ladder position of third, it does mean that Heidelberg is now only four points behind second-placed Ashburton, and has the advantage of a game in hand, keeping it suitably positioned for a push for a top two finish, and hence a double chance in the finals. For Brimbank, there is a sense it is increasingly living on borrowed time, as it lies nine points adrift of the safety of tenth place, with only five games, and fifteen points, still available in the season.

Box Hill Inter resumed leadership of the WPL, following its victory over Bendigo Vipers, as it hosted a rare Saturday afternoon game at Wembley Park. Two goals in the first half secured Inter's fifteenth triumph of the season, although it had to endure a fight-back from the visitors after the break, which saw it pull a goal back. Inter moves a point ahead of Ashburton as a result, and it has played one game less. Bendigo's seventh defeat of the season means that it drops out of the finals positions, and it sits one point plus goal difference behind Keilor.

Cranbourne Comets took the most advantage of the weekend's curtailed fixture, climbing above both Bendigo and Keilor Park with a 2-1 victory over South Melbourne at Comets Stadium in Sunday's only match. The home side struck twice in the first half, and despite South pulling a goal back late on in the second period, held on to claim the full three points for the eighth time this year. Cranbourne moved up to fourth on the ladder, well behind the top three, but now with a slight upper hand in what looks like being a three way battle between Cranbourne, Keilor and Bendigo for the remaining two finals berths.

The league returns with a full programme next weekend, beginning at Wembley Park on Friday evening with a rematch of last season's Grand Final, and a game that always provides entertainment, when Box Hill Inter hosts Cranbourne Comets. The action continues on Saturday at BT Connor Reserve as Preston Lions takes on South Melbourne, followed by Eltham North and Bendigo Vipers at Partington Flats. Sunday sees Keilor Park host Brimbank, Heidelberg United take on Sandringham at Olympic Village, and, finally, Ashburton versus Eastern Lions.

By Niki Cook
Photos by John Punshon



ROUND EIGHTEEN FIXTURES

BOX HILL INTER
v
CRANBOURNE COMETS
Wembley Park,
Box Hill Mel: 61 F1
Friday 21st July
KO 3pm

PRESTON LIONS
v
SOUTH MELBOURNE
BT Connor Reserve,
Reservoir MEL: 18 B2
Saturday 22nd July
KO 1pm

ELTHAM NORTH
v
BENDIGO VIPERS
Partington Flats,
Greensborough Mel: 10 K12
Saturday 22nd July
KO 3pm

KEILOR PARK
v
BRIMBANK
Keilor Park Reserve,
Keilor Mel: 15 B5
Sunday 23rd July
KO 1pm

HEIDELBERG UNITED
v
SANDRINGHAM CITY
Olympic Village,
Heidelberg MEL: 19 D11
Sunday 23rd July
KO 1pm

ASHBURTON
v
EASTERN LIONS
Ashburton Park,
Ashburton Mel: 50 F9
Sunday 23rd July
KO 3pm

Women's Premier League SENIORS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter	16	15	0	1	56	7	45
Ashburton	17	14	2	1	72	11	44
Heidelberg United	16	13	1	2	67	16	40
Cranbourne Comets WSC	16	8	3	5	37	16	27
Sandringham	16	7	5	4	28	19	26
Bendigo Vipers WSC	16	8	1	7	31	27	25
Keilor Park WSC	14	7	1	6	44	37	22
Eastern Lions	16	4	3	9	14	25	15
Preston Lions	16	4	1	11	13	47	13
Eltham North	15	3	2	10	12	36	11
South Melbourne	17	2	1	14	17	67	7
Brimbank WSC	17	0	2	15	6	89	2

Sandringham 0
Ashburton 6
(J De Goey, A Totsidis, S Erenli 2, P Bernini, A Jackson) (HT: 0-3),

Brimbank 0
Heidelberg United 4
(H Alatsas 2, M Frankcombe, S Groenewald) (HT: 0-2),

Box Hill Inter 2
(B Pacella 2)
Bendigo Vipers 1
(K Moller) (HT: 2-0),

Cranbourne Comets 2
(R Lamb, L Terek)
South Melbourne 1 (
L Hodgkin) (HT: 2-0),

Eastern Lions
Eltham North (HT: -),

Preston Lions
Keilor Park (HT: -)

Women's Premier League RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton	17	16	1	0	97	10	49
Sandringham	17	14	0	3	82	12	42
Bendigo Vipers WSC	15	11	1	3	57	17	34
Cranbourne Comets WSC	17	11	1	5	39	20	34
Keilor Park WSC	16	7	3	6	45	26	24
Box Hill Inter	16	7	2	7	37	27	23
Eltham North	15	6	4	5	38	26	22
Heidelberg United	14	6	2	6	33	31	20
Eastern Lions	16	5	3	8	24	33	18
South Melbourne	17	1	3	13	18	53	6
Preston Lions	16	1	2	13	11	76	5
Brimbank WSC	16	0	0	16	2	152	0

Brimbank 0
Heidelberg United 6,

Sandringham 3
Ashburton 4,

Box Hill Inter 1
Bendigo Vipers 3,

Eastern Lions 2
Eltham North 2,

Preston Lions 4
Keilor Park 4,

Cranbourne Comets 5
South Melbourne 0

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Katsa's Korner With George Katsamboukas

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Welcome to Melbourne's winter. Welcome to postponed matches due to waterlogged pitches.

A quick scan thru the weekend's results sees the familiar no score for matches not played due to grounds being declared unsafe to play by the supremos of our great game – "The Men in Black".
During my playing days, it was always interesting to see how referees came to the conclusion that a pitch was unsafe to play on.
There were the ones that pulled the gumboots out of the car and donned them to avoid their black pleats getting dirty.
Then there were referees who did not have any gumboots in the car, who took two steps on to the ground and to avoid having to walk the rest of the pitch, declared the pitch waterlogged to avoid their black pleats getting dirty.

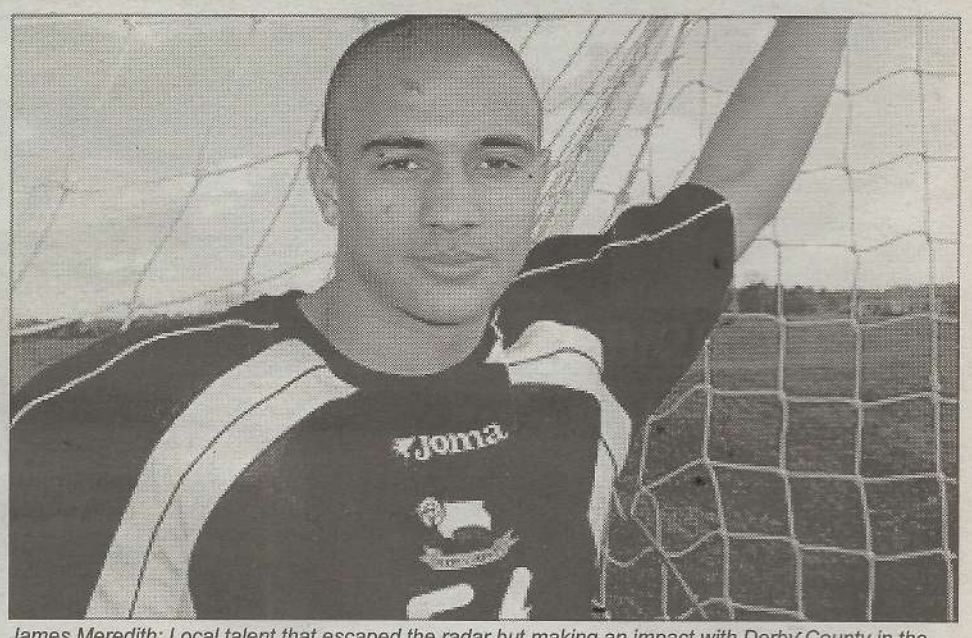
Players and spectators of postponed matches have two clear cut choices.
The first is to go and watch another match.
The second is to find the local pub and spend the rest of the afternoon in the company of J Walker, V Bitter and J Beam.
Personally, I always chose option two.

VODAFONE CUP

This week I did a lot of thinking regarding the Vodafone Cup.
Katsa actually thinking is very, very dangerous!
The Vodafone Cup is becoming unsustainable, in that Clubs cannot generate enough revenue through match day activities, such as gate and canteen revenue to cover their weekly expenses.
Crowd averages of 200-300 over the last month or so is not an uncommon figure.
Their only savior is that most Vodafone Cup clubs have some generous benefactors who are kind enough to donate their own hard earned to their respectively chosen club, to keep them financially afloat.
Another important consideration is that the Vodafone Cup is the only league in Victoria that has no incentive such as promotion to a higher league, for a club to actually aim to win it.
These days, even the winners of Europe's domestic competitions strive to win their respective league, not only for the silverware, but to also win a place in the lucrative Champions League.
Sure, the team on top will receive a Championship Pennant; players and their supporters will celebrate the win for a couple of days afterwards and then it's hero to zero.
For the Vodafone Cup to become sustainable, it needs each club to average 2000 PAYING customers attending each match.
Simple arithmetic's – It currently is not happening week in, week out.
FFV Marketing Department – over to you.

A PICTURE TELLS A THOUSAND STORIES

I wrote about James Meredith a few weeks ago, a quiet achiever who has spent the last 2 years at Derby County, who missed out on selection for the Joeys at last year's World Cup, Australian Under 20 Selectors, here's a photo of him just in case you need to identify him.
Meredith has just signed a professional contract for the Coca-Cola Championship side and recently scored in Derby's friendly against FC Gratkom.
Now, you may be wondering why the write up on this player, and others that I have mentioned in the past?
No, I'm not his manager, No, I don't have a vested interest in him. Simple fact is that the system of selecting National players is somewhat flawed when it's filled with players that belong to the AIS and VIS Academies. Players who have full time contracts and playing competitive REAL matches overseas, and in the local SENIOR Premier Leagues, are ignored because they do not belong or come up through these Academies.



James Meredith: Local talent that escaped the radar but making an impact with Derby County in the English Campionship

"STRANGERS IN THE NIGHT, EXCHANGING GLANCES..."

An old Sinatra classic, was very applicable on Monday Night. As I got out of my car at the Bulleen Veneto Club, I saw the players of the Oakleigh Canons and Essendon Royals warming up in total darkness on the pitch outside the main stadium.
Unsafe to say the very least, but these teams had no other option!
North of the Yarra met South of the Yarra officials and ex-officials after this match, for the traditional post match review, and the North certainly let the side down with its selection of venue.
From the usual haunts of dingy, smoke filled poker venues and pubs, representatives from the South were taken to very unfamiliar territory - that of the Pancake Parlour.

This was quite a culture shock for me and I have lodged a protest with the North of the Yarra Officials, for this to not occur ever again, as the last thing that I am looking for after a match is a fun filled family atmosphere.
J Walker and W.N.Field has also joined this protest!

Until next week.....

This is Katsa, but not as you've known him. When the Fat Lady sings, I hope that you're a winner!

KFC Named As New Victory Sponsor

Melbourne Victory has announced the signing of KFC as the club's sleeve sponsor for the upcoming Hyundai A-League season.
Club Chairman, Geoff Lord, heralded the deal as highly significant, and said that the high quality of sponsorships the club was able to generate was a real positive for the future of Melbourne Victory.
"There's no doubt that the World Cup has sparked enormous interest in the game here in Australia," Lord said. "But without a vibrant Hyundai A-League, there would be few opportunities for companies such as KFC to connect with the game locally."
"Melbourne Victory provides sponsors with local access to the biggest sport on the planet. The excitement generated by sell out crowds at Olympic Park last season is certainly something sponsors can look to and want to be associated with."
"With the excellent recruitment program we've conducted in the off-season, we're confident of even greater success both on and off the pitch this season."
The financial details of the deal would not be released, but the club insists that the figure is highly significant.
"It's a significant investment by KFC in the future of Melbourne Victory, and we thank them for this sponsorship support," Lord said.
KFC spokesman, George Neofytou, was pleased to confirm the sponsorship deal at Melbourne Victory's home ground, Olympic Park Stadium.
"We're delighted with this association with Melbourne Victory," Neofytou said. "KFC is a recognised brand internationally, and to link locally with Melbourne Victory and the world game is an excellent fit for us."
"KFC is united behind Melbourne Victory for the forthcoming season and we look forward to a long-term association with the club."

VICTORY BOLSTERS ITS RANKS

Melbourne Victory today announced that it had completed the signing of its 20 man roster for the commencement of season two of the Hyundai A-League. Alessandro, from Brazilian club Internacional RS and Roddy Vargas, from Victorian Premier League side Green Gully, were announced today as the final two signings for the ambitious Hyundai A-League club.
The club will also use the official unveiling of the players on Thursday to announce a significant new sponsorship deal.
Alessandro, a 23 year old attacking left back, will link up with fellow Brazilians Fred and Claudinho in the most cosmopolitan squad ever assembled in Australian domestic football history. Victory also boasts former Belgian international, Geoffrey Claeys, Scottish midfielder Grant Brebner and Argentinian-born Adrian Caceras.
The third of Victory's Brazilian trio, Alessandro Viana Da Silva has stepped straight out of the Brazilian Serie A, the highest division in the country, where his played for Internacional RS. His previous clubs include Novo Hamburgo, ADAP, Angra dos Reis and America.
Former Melbourne Knights captain, Roddy Vargas, has been rewarded for his consistency in the Victorian Premier League with Green Gully, and gains a highly sought after place on one of the country's most impressive squad lists.
Vargas was overjoyed with the offer to join the Hyundai A-League, the country's
premier football competition.
"As a player, you always want to push yourself and play at the highest level possible," Vargas said.
"It's fantastic that in amongst all Victory's international signings there's still the opportunity for local players to make their mark in the Hyundai A-League.
"I'm sure it's on the minds of all the players in the State leagues, that one day they might get a call up to play in the Hyundai A-League. I'm just glad it's me who got the call."
Club CEO, Geoff Miles, believes the club now has a much better platform from which to launch an assault on this year's championship.
"We've said consistently throughout our short history that we are trying to build a club for the long term," Miles said. "We began with modest expectations in the club's inaugural season, but it's time to ramp that up now.
"Through our recruiting efforts we are confident that we have taken the necessary steps to ensure we give ourselves the chance to have a real crack at the Hyundai A-League title this season."

Left to Right: Grant Brebner, Rod Vargas, Adrian Caceras, Alessandro, Claudinho and Fred

"As a club we took the initiative in the off-season to send our coach (Ernie Merrick) to Brazil to build relationships and look at a number of players. We expected to deliver one Brazilian player, and having signed three quality players, it has been a highly worthwhile exercise," Miles said.
The pair is expected to join Melbourne on Thursday at Olympic Park for the team's final training session before their first Pre-Season Cup match against Adelaide in Launceston on Sunday.
This will be the first time Melbourne Victory's full squad, including Qantas Socceroo Archie Thompson, will be on display, and will coincide with the announcement of a new sponsor for the club.
"The support for Melbourne Victory from the corporate sector has always been good, but we've seen a real surge in interest since the World Cup," Miles said.

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2006/2007 A-League Pre-Season Cup

Sydney FC Silences The Roar

2 Sydney FC
1 Qld Roar

Former Socceroo Alex Brosque started his Sydney FC career with a majestic performance, capped by scoring the winning goal, in Sydney FC's 2-1 victory over Queensland Roar at Carrara Stadium on the Gold Coast tonight.

Brosque joined Sydney FC from the Roar in the off season and he put his hand up for a Socceroo recall with a strong performance, setting up the opening goal and scoring the second.

The victory was a just reward for Sydney FC, which dominated with a superb passing game following the dismissal of Queensland's new recruit Saso Ognenovski just before half time for an elbow to the face of Sasho Petrovski.

The match was played in wet conditions and both sides struggled with the slippery pitch in the early stages but it was Sydney FC who took the lead with the first chance of the game in the 16th minute.

Brosque, playing in a midfield role, was the creator, showing why Sydney FC lured him back to his home town. The 22-year-old picked up the ball at halfway and beat three defenders before crossing to an unmarked Petrovski who made no mistake from close range.

Petrovski was due to start the game from the bench but David Zdrilic suffered a corked leg in the warm up and pulled out as a precautionary measure.

Sydney FC allowed a soft equalizer in the 30th minute when Socceroo defender Mark Milligan gave away possession in his own half for Timothy Smits to slot the ball past Clint Bolton.

Ognenovski, who was physical throughout the first half, marked his debut in auspicious circumstances when he was shown a straight red card for a vicious elbow on Petrovski in the 36th minute. He had earlier collected Sydney FC defender Mark Rudan with a borderline tackle.

The teams went to half time locked at 1-1 and both sides returned from the sheds without making any changes.

Sydney FC was quick to stamp its authority in the second half with some slick passing, especially in midfield, stretching the Roar and Petrovski could have sent the visitors back into the lead in the 55th minute but his header was well saved by Liam Reddy.

Sydney FC made two quick changes with Robbie Middleby (57th) and Justin Pasfield (61st) coming into the game for Petrovski and Bolton respectively.

The visitors came close again in the 68th minute when a cross from David Carney was met by a strong Alvin Ceccoli header, which crashed into the crossbar.

As the game went on, Sydney FC's passing game started to regain the crispness that saw it win the inaugural Hyundai A-League title last year with Ufuk Talay, Steve Corica, Carney and Brosque pulling the strings.

Butcher made his third substitution in the 77th minute when he injected Nikolai Topor-Stanley into the match for Ceccoli, keeping true to his word in giving all players some game time during the Pre Season Cup.

After a string of second half chances it was Brosque who scored the winner against his former team mates with a sublime header in the 87th minute.

A Talay free kick was only half punched clear by Reddy and Brosque looped a header from the edge of the penalty area over the Roar custodian and Hyuk Su Seo on the goal line.

Topor-Stanley then had a golden chance to make his debut with a goal but Reddy made a great one-on-one save.

Sydney FC now switches its attention to a "home" game against the Newcastle United Jets at Canberra Stadium next Saturday. Kick off is at 2pm.

In the other Pre Season Cup match tonight, the Central Coast Mariners defeated Perth Glory 2-1 at Central Coast Stadium.

Sydney FC 2 (Sasho Petrovski 16, Alex Brosque 87) d Queensland Roar 1 (Timothy Smits 30)
Carrara Stadium
Referee: Peter Green
Crowd: 7130

Sydney FC
Clint Bolton, Iain Fyfe, Alvin Ceccoli, Mark Rudan, Ufuk Talay, Steve Corica, Sasho Petrovski, David Carney, Alex Brosque, Terry McFlynn, Mark Milligan
Subs:
Robbie Middleby on for Sasho Petrovski (57th minute)
Justin Pasfield (gk) on for Clint Bolton (61st minute)
Nikolai Topor-Stanley on for Alvin Ceccoli (77th minute) Jeremy Brockie - not used

Queensland Roar
Liam Reddy, Andrew Packer, Remo Buess, Josh McCloughan, Stuart MacLaren, Massimo Murdocca, Ante Milicic, Matt Mckay, Hyuk Su Seo, Saso Ognenovski, Timothy Smits
Subs
Chad Gibson on for Ante Milicic (70th minute)
Ben Griffen on for Timothy Smits (70th minute)
1. Tom Willis (gk) - not used

Knights, Jets Share the Spoils

1 NZ Knights
1 NC Jets

The New Zealand Knights and Newcastle's Jets fought out a 1-1 draw in the pre-season cup at North Harbour Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Knights held the lead at half-time courtesy of a Jonti Richter strike before the Jets equalised in the second half through striker Mark Bridge.

Fielding only three players from last season's wooden spoon squad, the Knights showed they should be a more competitive side this season, despite not holding their lead.

Former Fulham utility Malik Buari showed his worth with some fine attacking runs from the heart of midfield while Richter and New Zealand Under-21 international Michael White were a constant threat on the flanks.

The Jets made a bright start to the match as they applied the early pressure, but some defensive clearances from Jonas Salley and Frank van Eijs prevented any early drama.

From 30 metres out, Buari blasted over the bar with a speculative effort, which highlighted his attacking instincts.

Newcastle's first opportunity then came as Nick Carle created some trouble for the Knights in the 18th minute. It took a fine save from Knights goalkeeper Michael Turnbull to deny the Jets star, who had snuck his way inside the box.

The Jets were starting to enjoy an encouraging passage of the game with Carle at the centre of the play, but the Jets were unable to create too many problems for the giant centre-back partnership of Che Bunce and Sime Kovacevic.

In the 28th minute Buari showed his long-range ability once more, this time from general play, when he struck a rasping drive at Troy Hearfield's goal from 30 yards.

Hearfield stood haplessly in goal, but luckily for the Jets the strike thundered into his right-hand post and the deadlock remained.

Most of the Jets attack flowed through Carle and Matthew Thompson on the right flank.

And the latter combined well with Jacob Wheelhouse in the 38th minute, but the movement came to nothing as Thompson was unable to find the unmarked Vaughn Coveny.

Six minutes before half-time, the Knights broke forward and released Richter inside the Newcastle penalty area.

The former Queensland Roar winger found space in the area and then calmly slotted a shot beyond Hearfield and into the back of the net.

The Knights could have doubled their advantage just three minutes later when Buari darted down the right flank but his delivery was too high for Sean Devine.

The second half started brightly as the match opened up with Newcastle searching for an equalizer.

The Knights almost created an opening seven minutes into the second spell but Salley's through ball rolled too far for the outstretched Devine.

Carle attempted to inspire Newcastle but the Knights were up to the test as Turnbull and then captain Scott Gemmill thwarted the playmaker.

The opportunity then came for the Jets and striker Mark Bridge stepped up to level in the 57th minute.

Bridge's bending shot from the edge of the area was shot out of reach of the desperate Turnbull dive.

The Jets could have taken the lead five minutes later as All Whites striker Coveny created an opportunity out of nothing, but his volley sailed just over the bar.

Noah Hickey provided some trouble for the Jets' left side defence but his strikes provided little difficulty for Hearfield.

Neither side had an opportunity to break the deadlock despite both sides showing attacking instincts throughout the closing stages.

New Zealand Knights 1 (Jonti Richter 39)
Newcastle Jets 1 (Mark Bridge 57)

Central Coast defeats Perth

2 CC Mariners
1 Perth Glory

The Central Coast Mariners have commenced their 2006/07 Hyundai A-League campaign with a well deserved 2-1 win over the Perth Glory at Bluetongue Central Coast Stadium on Saturday night.

Two early goals to strike pairing Stewart Petrie and Adam Kwasnik sealed three points for the Mariners on another rain soaked night in Gosford, with Leo Bertos' second half goal guaranteeing a frantic finish to the Mariners opening match of their Pre-Season Cup title defence.

With as many as eight players sitting in the grandstands with various injury concerns, Mariners Football Manager Lawrie McKinna would have been contented with his charges showing against a determined opposition that grew in confidence as the match wore on.

"Overall, we're obviously very happy with the win and, for the most part, I was very impressed with how we played," said McKinna.

"The opening minutes showed just what we're capable of and although we didn't really go on with it, I think we deserved the three points."

The 5,682 Mariners spectators on hand did not have to wait long for the first goal of the new season, with 2005/06 Hyundai A-League Golden Boot winner Petrie on hand to notch his first strike of the season just seven minutes into the match.

Petrie's header, his fourth goal against the Glory from five starts, came about after a superbly weighted cross from deep from debutant Bradley Porter.

Porter, one of a record four Central Coast-raised locals that started the match, showed maturity and class beyond his 19 years before being substituted late on for Paul O'Grady, largely negating the effect of Glory wingers Bertos and Naum Sekulovski.

Less than sixty seconds after the match opener, Adam Kwasnik had doubled the home side's lead after a neat interchange on the edge of the area with goal scorer Petrie.

Kwasnik's strike continued the 23-year-old's rich vein of goal scoring form that had seen the former youth international net six goals in five pre-season trial match appearances prior to the match.

McKinna handed 17-year-old striker James Holland his debut in the dying stages, after stand-in captain Andrew Clark was forced off the pitch with a slight calf strain.

As well as Holland, defender Vuko Tomasevic and the aforementioned Porter were seen in Mariners colours for the first time, with Tomasevic encouraging and strong at the left of defence.

"We've still got a lot of players to return from injury in the coming weeks and in the lead up to the Hyundai A-League, so we have a lot to look forward to," said McKinna.

"Next week we go to Adelaide and we'll be looking to improve again on tonight's performance and hopefully secure our place in the semi finals."

The Mariners next Pre-Season Cup fixture sees them travel to central NSW, where they are set to take on inaugural Hyundai A-League Premiers Adelaide United at Wade Park, Orange next Saturday, 22 July. Kick off is at 3pm.

Central Coast Mariners Danny Vukovic (gk), Bradley Porter (Paul O'Grady 73'), Andre Gumprecht, Jamie McMaster, Damien Brown, Stewart Petrie, Vuko Tomasevic, Andrew Clark (James Holland 80'), Matthew Osman (Noel Spencer 38'), Alex Wilkinson, Adam Kwasnik

Perth Glory Jason Petkovic (gk), Ryan Townsend, Jamie Harnwell, David Micevski, Bobby Despotovski, Ante Kovacevic, Mark Robertson (David Tarka 64'), Adrian Webster, Stuart Young (Josip Magdic 64'), Naum Sekulovski

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MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League: Round 12: Bulleen Doncaster Rovers JSC , South Eastern Piranhas 1 Bentleigh Greens 1, Knox City 6 Oakleigh 1, South Melbourne 3 Whitehorse 0, Southern Stars 4 Glen Waverley 0

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League: Round 12: Gippsland Soccer League Bye , Bulleen Doncaster Rovers JSC , Noble Park 0 Kingston City 4, Box Hill Inter 4 Beaumaris 0, South Melbourne 1 Whitehorse 1

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League: Round 12: Bulleen Endeavour Utd , Box Hill Inter 7 Chelsea 0, Knox City 3 Beaumaris 0, South Melbourne 7 Whitehorse 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC Manningham

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League: Round 12: Bulleen Monash City , Baxter 0 Knox City 3, Box Hill Inter 2 Beaumaris 0, Mornington 1 Gippsland Soccer League 2, Dandenong City 1 Nunawading City 0

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League: Round 12: Whittlesea Stallions Bye , Green Gully 5 Preston Lions 2, Melbourne Knights 3 Brimbank 0, Essendon Royals Hoppers Crossing , North City Lions 4 Sydenham Park 9

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League: Round 12: Bye Epping City , Green Gully 2 Altona East 1, Keilor Park 1 Brimbank 2, Fawkner 2 Essendon Royals 0, Moreland United 0 Melbourne Knights 4

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League: Round 12: Green Gully 5 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 0, Keilor Park 2 Brimbank 1, Williamstown 1 Albury-Wodonga 3, Fawkner 2 Preston Lions 0, North Coburg Utd 0 Melbourne Knights 3

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League: Round 12: Green Gully 6 Bundoora 0, Keilor Park 1 Altona Magic 1, Hoppers Crossing JSC 0 Essendon Royals 1, Fawkner 1 Melbourne Knights 0, Preston Lions 1 Epping City 2

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue: Round 12: Green Gully 3 Oakleigh 0, Port Melbourne JSC Bulleen , Doncaster Rovers JSC Brunswick City

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange: Round 12: Glen Waverley Bye , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Seaford United JSC 2, Rosebud 2 Springvale City 5, Mooroolbark 2 Mornington 2, Brighton JSC 1 Langwarrin 7

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple: Round 12: Brimbank 19 Preston Lions 1, St Albans 2 Gisborne 1, Bundoora 4 Northcote City 1, Essendon Royals 2 Keilor Park 4

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow: Round 12: Bye Brighton JSC , Berwick City Bye , Glen Eira 1 Westvale 3, Brandon Park 0 Eastern Lions 1, Berwick Kings 3 Mornington 2

MILO Boys South 16 A: Round 12: Springvale City 0 Langwarrin 6, Sandringham City 1 Bentleigh Greens 1, Berwick City Beaumaris , Doveton 16 Baxter 1, Dandenong City 1 Brighton JSC 2

MILO Boys South 16 B: Round 12: Carrum Utd Bye , Dandenong Sparrows 3 Peninsula 4, Sandringham City A 0 Chelsea 3, Doveton 4 Sandringham City B 3, Beaumaris 0 Rowville Eagles 5

MILO Boys South 15 A: Round 12: Brighton JSC 3 Hampton Park Utd 1, Sandringham City 3 Springvale White Eagles 1, Dandenong Thunder 1 Cranbourne Comets 5, Langwarrin 4 Mornington 1, Seaford Utd 1 Berwick City 4

MILO Boys South 15 B: Round 12: Berwick City Langwarrin , Baxter 1 Bentleigh Greens 2, Rosebud 1 Dandenong City 7, Endeavour United 3 Mornington A 0, Beaumaris 4 Brighton JSC 1

MILO Boys South 14 A: Round 12: Brighton 7 Hampton Park Utd 0, Sandringham City 1 Springvale White Eagles 4, Berwick City Lyndale Utd , Langwarrin 7 Baxter 0, Beaumaris 0 Mornington 6

MILO Boys South 14 B: Round 12: Peninsula 2 Langwarrin 3, Sandringham City 0 Cranbourne Comets 5, Mornington Bye , Frankston Pines 21 White Star Dandenong 1, Dandenong City 4 Brighton JSC 1

MILO Boys South 13 A: Round 12: Brighton JSC 2 Hampton Park Utd 0, Dandenong Thunder Bentleigh Greens , Berwick City Mornington , Langwarrin 5 Endeavour Utd 0, Frankston Pines Doveton

MILO Boys South 13 B: Round 12: Brighton JSC 5 Hampton Park Utd 1, Sandringham City 4 Berwick City 3, Carrum Utd 1 Lyndale Utd 7, Beaumaris 2 Seaford Utd 0, East Bentleigh Phillip Island

MILO Boys South 13 C: Round 12: Brighton Bye , Cranbourne Comets 2 Langwarrin 2, Sandringham City 1 Springvale White Eagles 2, Berwick City Beaumaris , Seaford Utd 2 Baxter 3

MILO Boys South 12 A: Round 12: Peninsula 4 Hampton Park Utd 0, Sandringham City 1 Bentleigh Greens 0, Berwick City Beaumaris , Langwarrin 1 Mornington 6, Dandenong City 2 Brighton JSC 0

MILO Boys South 12 B: Round 12: Brighton Bye , Sandringham City 1 Chelsea 1, Hampton 0 Beaumaris 2, Mornington 2 Cranbourne Comets 0, Seaford Utd 1 Berwick City 0

MILO Boys South 12 C: Round 12: Sandringham City Bye , Brighton JSC 0 Langwarrin 1, Baxter Bye , Rosebud 2 Mornington 0, Beaumaris 2 Seaford Utd 0

MILO Boys South 12 D: Round 12: Bye Bye , Casey Panthers 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 10, Keysborough JSC 1 Bentleigh Greens 2, Hampton 11 Lyndale Utd 0, Peninsula 6 Endeavour Hills 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 12: Beaumaris Bye , Brighton 3 Hampton 0, Sandringham City 1 Berwick City 1, Cranbourne Comets 2 Heatherton Utd 1, Dandenong City 1 Mornington 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 12: Peninsula Bye , Dandenong Thunder 0 Langwarrin 0, Noble Park 0 Seaford Utd 0, Rosebud Springvale White Eagles , Mornington 0 Sandringham City 6

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Blue: Round 12: Endeavour Utd Bye , Sandringham City 1 Berwick City 2, Carrum Utd 0 Beaumaris 2, Doveton 1 Baxter 1, Dandenong City Brighton

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Red: Round 12: Brighton A 1 Hampton Park Utd 2, Keysborough 0 Mornington 4, Berwick City Hampton , Langwarrin 1 Sandringham City 2, Beaumaris 2 Brighton B 1

MILO Boys East 16 A: Round 12: East Bentleigh Bye , Manningham Riversdale Raiders , Ashburton 0 Glen Waverley 5, Doncaster Rovers JSC Nunawading City , Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Bulleen 7

MILO Boys East 16 B: Round 12: Boronia Bye , Bye Boroondara Lions , Manningham 1 Mooroolbark 2, Eastern Lions 2 Richmond 5, Glen Eira 0 North Caulfield 5

MILO Boys East 15 A: Round 12: Bye Bulleen , Manningham 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 2, South Springvale Knox City , Boronia 6 Richmond 1, South Melbourne 1 North Caulfield 1

MILO Boys East 15 B: Round 12: East Bentleigh Glen Waverley , Brandon Park 3 Boronia 0, Westvale 2 Nunawading City 3, Doncaster Rovers JSC North Caulfield , Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Eastern Lions 1

MILO Boys East 15 C: Round 12: Ashburton Bye , Caulfield Utd 4 Ringwood City 2, Port Melbourne JSC 4 Manningham 1, Mooroolbark 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 4, Richmond 0 Boroondara Lions 4

MILO Boys East 14 A: Round 12: Riversdale Raiders Bye , Nunawading City 3 Kingston City 0, Eastern Lions 1 Richmond 2, Glen Waverley 6 Caulfield Utd 1, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Bulleen 2

MILO Boys East 14 B: Round 12: Manningham 0 Melbourne Utd 2, Clayton Springvale City , Glen Eira 1 Oakleigh 7, Bulleen North Caulfield , Southern Stars 8 Whitehorse 1

MILO Boys East 14 C: Round 12: Brighton JSC 0 Doncaster Rovers JSC 4, Croydon City Arrows JSC 6 Knox City 2, Stonnington City 2 Beaumaris 0, Berwick City Mooroolbark , Glen Waverley 2 Nunawading City 2

MILO Boys East 14 D: Round 12: Chelsea 5 Glen Eira 0, Ringwood City 1 Eastern Lions 4, Boronia 2 Ashburton 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 Hampton 5, East Bentleigh Manningham

MILO Boys East 13 A: Round 12: Clayton Bye , Riversdale Raiders Doncaster Rovers , Port Melbourne 0 Oakleigh 0, South Melbourne 0 North Caulfield 1, Croydon City Arrows 3 Bulleen 1

MILO Boys East 13 B: Round 12: Nunawading City Bye , Manningham 2 Ashburton 0, Monash City 2 Kingston City 3, Boronia 2 Richmond 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Eastern Lions 4

MILO Boys East 13 C: Round 12: Springvale City Bye , Caulfield Utd Ringwood City , Brandon Park 0 Glen Waverley 5, Mooroolbark 3 North Caulfield 1, Richmond Bye

MILO Boys East 13 D: Round 12: Boroondara Lions Bye , Glen Eira 0 Ashburton 10, East Bentleigh Boronia , Glen Waverley 0 North Caulfield 1, Doncaster Rovers 16 Croydon City Arrows 0

MILO Boys East 12 A: Round 12: Monash City Bye , Bulleen East Bentleigh , Box Hill Inter 3 Knox City 0, South Melbourne 2 Whitehorse 0, Richmond 12 Glen Waverley 0

MILO Boys East 12 B: Round 12: Ringwood City 5 Doncaster Rovers JSC 2, Croydon City Arrows JSC 4 Stonnington City 1, Glen Waverley 0 Oakleigh 9, Riversdale Raiders 1 North Caulfield 4, Bye Bulleen

MILO Boys East 12 C: Round 12: Ashburton 0 Melbourne United 11, Brandon Park 2 Eastern Lions 0, Boroondara Lions 0 Waverley Wanderers 2, Mooroolbark 2 North Caulfield 3, Bye Bulleen

MILO Boys East 12 D: Round 12: Manningham 5 Riversdale Raiders 1, Clayton 3 Eastern Lions 0, Knox City 1 North Caulfield 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC Croydon City Arrows JSC , Bye Bye

MILO Boys East 12 E: Round 12: Frankston Strikers Ringwood City , Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Northcote City 2, Caulfield United 3 Bentleigh Greens 0, Bye Whitehorse , Richmond Bye

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 12: Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye , Box Hill Inter 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Boronia 0 Oakleigh 4, South Melbourne 3 North Caulfield 1, Richmond 4 Glen Waverley 0

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 12: Bulleen Doncaster Rovers JSC , Monash City 7 Ringwood City 0, Boronia Nunawading City , South Melbourne 5 Riversdale Raiders 0, Richmond 0 Stonnington City 2

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Orange: Round 12: Eastern Lions Bye , East Bentleigh Bye , Clayton 1 Knox Utd 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 North Caulfield 0, Richmond 0 Bulleen 10

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Blue: Round 12: East Bentleigh Bye , Bulleen Manningham , Ashburton 2 Kingston City 2, Nunawading City 1 Richmond 0, Caulfield Utd 6 Croydon City Arrows JSC 1

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Red: Round 12: Richmond Bye , Ashburton 0 Melbourne Utd 6, Brandon Park 0 Knox City 4, Doncaster Rovers North Caulfield , Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Glen Eira 0

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Yellow: Round 12: Glen Eira 2 Eastern Lions 0, Port Melbourne JSC 1 Monash City 4, Riversdale Raiders 0 Springvale City 0, Mooroolbark 5 Ringwood City 0, Glen Waverley 0 Boroondara Lions 2

MILO Boys N/W 16 B: Round 12: Meadow Park 2 Altona East 5, Watsonia Heights 2 Lalor Utd 11, Keilor Wolves 2 Altona City 2, Maribyrnong Greens 1 Werribee City 2, Broadmeadows Utd 6 Sydenham Park 1

MILO Boys N/W 14 B: Round 12: Sydenham Park Bye , Sunshine Georgies 3 Altona East 0, North Sunshine Eagles 9 Sunbury Utd 0, Light Utd 2 Essendon Royals 0, Bundoora 1 Gisborne 0

MILO Boys N/W 14 C: Round 12: Flemington Eagles Lalor Utd , Northcote City Bye , Watsonia Heights 0 Altona City 3, Essendon Royals 0 Werribee City 7

MILO Boys N/W 13 B: Round 12: Brunswick Zebras 8 North Coburg United 0, Brunswick City Hoppers Crossing JSC , Heidelberg Utd 2 Laverton Park 2, Fawkner 7 Mill Park 0, North Sunshine Eagles 1 Epping City 2

MILO Boys N/W 13 C: Round 12: Mill Park Bye , Melbourne Lions 0 Westvale 1, Whittlesea Utd 3 Altona City 1, Brimbank City 1 Plenty Valley Lions 1, Keilor Wolves 2 Brunswick Zebras 0

MILO Boys North 16 A: Round 12: Brunswick Zebras Bundoora , Brunswick City 1 Light Utd 1, Clifton Hill Utd 0 Heidelberg Stars 1, Moreland Utd 4 Eltham North 0, North Coburg Utd Epping City

MILO Boys North 15 A: Round 12: Brunswick City Bye , Brunswick Zebras 2 Bundoora 1, Eltham North 3 Essendon Royals 4, Preston Lions 1 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Moreland Wolves 2 Whittlesea Utd 5

MILO Boys North 15 B: Round 12: Carlton Youth FC 1 Lalor 3, Plenty Valley Lions Light Utd , Heidelberg Utd 3 Brimbank City 3, Yarraville 5 Northcote City 1, Sunbury United 0 Brunswick Zebras 1

MILO Boys North 14 A: Round 12: Eltham North Bye , Brunswick Zebras 1 Bundoora 5, Fawkner Essendon Royals , Moreland Utd 2 Hume Utd 3, North Coburg Utd Epping City

MILO Boys North 13 A: Round 12: Light Utd 2 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 1, Eltham North 0 Lalor Utd 3, Moreland City 0 Essendon Royals 1, Bundoora 2 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Diamond Valley Utd Epping City

MILO Boys North 12 A: Round 12: Epping City 7 Bundoora 0, Brunswick City 5 Sunbury Utd 0, Heidelberg Utd 0 Essendon Royals 4, Fawkner Hume Utd , North Coburg Utd 8 North City Lions JSC 0

MILO Boys North 12 B: Round 12: Brunswick Zebras 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 2, Eltham North 8 Lalor Utd 0, Moreland City 0 Light Utd 4, Fawkner 0 Whittlesea Stallions 3, Preston Lions 3 Epping City 0

MILO Boys North 12 C: Round 12: Bye Bye , Meadow Park 3 Fawkner 2, Whittlesea Stallions 3 Plenty Valley Lions 0, Bundoora 5 Eltham North 1, Clifton Hill Utd 3 Banyule City 2

MILO Boys North 12 D: Round 12: Youth Utd 2 Broadmeadows Utd 1, Greenvale Utd 7 Alphington 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Essendon Royals 3, Moreland Utd 2 Hume Utd 1, Moreland Wolves 3 Brunswick Zebras 1

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 12: Brunswick City Bye , Brunswick Zebras 1 Preston Lions 0, Heidelberg Utd 0 Heidelberg Stars 4, Bundoora 8 Eltham North 0, North City Lions JSC 3 Epping City 1

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple: Round 12: Melbourne Knights Bye , Clifton Hill Utd Fawkner , Whittlesea Stallions 1 Light Utd 0, Moreland City 0 Essendon Royals 4, North City Lions JSC 0 Brunswick Zebras 0

MILO Boys North 11 Joeys Blue: Round 12: Diamond Valley Utd 1 Keon Park 2, Watsonia Heights 4 Lalor Utd 4, Light United North 1 Essendon Royals 0, Moreland Utd 4 Brunswick City 0, North Coburg Utd Epping City

MILO Boys West 16 A: Round 12: Laverton Park 3 Sunbury Utd 1, Gisborne WVSA , Sunshine Heights 0 Western Eagles 2, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0 Keilor Park 3, St Albans Albion Rovers

MILO Boys West 15 A: Round 12: Sunshine Georgies 14 Melton 0, North Sunshine Eagles 2 Brimbank 1, Hoppers Crossing JSC 0 Altona Magic 6, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2 Keilor Park 3, St Albans Avondale Heights

MILO Boys West 14 A: Round 12: Laverton Park Bye , Green Gully 4 Brimbank 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Altona City 4, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2 Keilor Park 2, St Albans Albion Rovers

MILO Boys West 13 A: Round 12: Sunshine Georgies 6 Melbourne Knights 0, Green Gully 2 Werribee City 0, Sunshine Heights 6 Western Eagles 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2 Keilor Park 0, Williamstown 1 Sydenham Park 3

MILO Boys West 12 A: Round 12: Green Gully 2 Werribee City 0, Keilor Park 0 Brimbank 2, Hoppers Crossing JSC 0 Altona City 5, Albion Rovers Melbourne Knights , Sunshine Heights 0 Sydenham Park 4

MILO Boys West 12 B: Round 12: Gisborne Bye , Sunshine Georgies 9 Melton 1, Green Gully 1 Brimbank 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3 Keilor Park 2, St Albans Avondale Heights

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green: Round 12: Bye Bye , Green Gully 13 Flemington Eagles 0, Keilor Park 4 WVSA 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Altona City 8, Gisborne Albion Rovers

MILO Boys West 11 Joeys Blue: Round 12: Brimbank Bye , Bye Laverton Park , Satellite City Utd Maribyrnong Greens , Werribee City Keilor Park , Williamstown Avondale Heights

MILO Boys West 11 Joeys Red: Round 12: Gisborne Bye , Sunshine Georgies 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 1, Green Gully Bye , Sunbury Utd 1 Altona City 0, St Albans Sydenham Park

MILO Girls Metro 18 Green: Round 12: Bundoora 19 Whitehorse 0, St. Albans Sydenham Park , Sandringham City Bye , Heidelberg United Bye , Bulleen Brunswick Zebras

MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple: Round 12: Bye Sherbrooke Rangers , Glen Eira Bye , Endeavour Utd 0 Mornington 1, Langwarrin 2 Croydon City Arrows JSC 2, Noble Park 4 Berwick City 3

MILO Girls Metro 15 A: Round 12: Beaumaris Bye , Ashburton 2 Glen Eira 1, Westgate Bye , Epping City 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 1, Richmond 5 Watsonia Heights 0

MILO Girls Metro 15 B: Round 12: Boroondara Lions Bye , Rosebud Bye , Brighton JSC Mornington , Sandringham City 0 Berwick City 4, Langwarrin 1 Baxter 2

MILO Girls Metro 15 C: Round 12: Brighton JSC Bye , Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 East Bentleigh 0, North Caulfield 0 Eastern Lions 4, Bye Sherbrooke Rangers , Mornington 0 Hampton Park Utd 1

MILO Girls Metro 13 A: Round 12: Sandringham City 2 Berwick City 2, Mornington 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Knox City 2 Beaumaris 5, Peninsula 0 Baxter 2, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Brighton JSC 3

MILO Girls Metro 13 B: Round 12: Doncaster Rovers JSC Richmond , Brighton JSC 1 Nunawading City 3, Sunbury Utd 2 Dandenong Thunder 1, Carrum Utd 0 Western Eagles 4, Boroondara Lions 4 Brunswick Zebras 0

MILO Girls Metro 13 C: Round 12: Brighton JSC 0 Bundoora 1, Watsonia Heights Hoppers Crossing JSC , Langwarrin 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Beaumaris Caulfield Utd , East Bentleigh Altona City

MILO Girls S/E 16 A: Round 12: Phillip Island Bye , Glen Waverley 3 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Casey Panthers 4 Mooroolbark 1, Cranbourne Comets 1 Chelsea 3, Langwarrin 10 Whitehorse 0

MILO Girls S/E 16 B: Round 12: Knox City 12 Richmond 0, Dandenong City Boroondara Lions , North Caulfield 12 Brighton JSC 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Boronia 0, Seaford Utd 4 Berwick Kings 1

MILO Girls S/E 14 A: Round 12: Brighton JSC Bye , Berwick City Richmond , Sandringham City 10 Boronia 0, Bye Mornington , Doncaster Rovers JSC 3 Whitehorse 2

MILO Girls S/E 14 B: Round 12: North Caulfield Bye , Bye Seaford Utd , Langwarrin 0 Ringwood City 0, Richmond 0 Brighton JSC 4, Glen Eira 1 Mooroolbark 1

MILO Girls S/E 14 C: Round 12: Bye Eastern Lions , Casey Panthers 4 North Caulfield 0, Ashburton 3 Boronia 0, Endeavour Utd Sandringham City , Diamond Valley Utd Glen Waverley

MILO Girls S/E 12 A: Round 12: Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye , Brighton JSC 0 Ashburton 1, North Caulfield 5 Berwick City 2, Sandringham City 3 Glen Eira 1, Richmond 0 Boroondara Lions 3

MILO Girls S/E 12 B: Round 12: Brighton JSC Bye , Glen Eira 0 Sherbrooke Rangers 3, Glen Waverley 2 Melbourne Utd 1 0, Boronia 3 Baxter 0, Melbourne United 2 2 Box Hill Inter 0

MILO Girls S/E 12 C: Round 12: Caulfield Utd Bye , North Caulfield 0 Mornington 1, Knox City 1 Beaumaris 2, Baxter 0 Port Melbourne JSC 0, Carrum Utd 0 Sandringham City 1

MILO Girls S/E 11: Round 12: Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye , Bye Brighton JSC , Carrum Utd 1 Richmond 1, Ashburton Sherbrooke Rangers , Boroondara Lions 2 North Caulfield 0

MILO Girls N/W 16 A: Round 12: South Melbourne Gisborne , Essendon Royals Whittlesea Stallions , North City Lions JSC 1 Sunshine Georgies 3, Epping City 2 Bundoora 2, Sunbury Utd 0 Altona City 8

MILO Girls N/W 16 B: Round 12: Sandringham City Bye , Brunswick Zebras 1 Melton 0, Williamstown 2 Albion Rovers 2, Eltham North 2 Brimbank 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 0 Keilor Park 2

MILO Girls N/W 14: Round 12: Keilor Park Bye , Brunswick Zebras 2 Bundoora 0, Brunswick City 1 Meadow Park 0, Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 7 Gisborne 0, Eltham North 3 Epping City 3

MILO Girls N/W 12: Round 12: Brunswick Zebras Bye , Essendon Royals A 0 Diamond Valley Utd 6, Brunswick City 9 Eltham North 0, Alphington 0 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City JSC	12	11	1	0	52	4	34
South Melbourne JFC	12	9	1	2	49	16	28
Southern Stars JFC	12	8	2	2	25	11	26
Bulleen JSC	11	7	2	2	41	12	23
South Eastern Piranhas	12	3	4	5	20	23	13
Glen Waverley JSC	12	3	4	5	20	32	13
Bentleigh Greens JSC	12	3	4	5	12	33	13
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	2	2	7	17	43	8
Oakleigh JSC	12	1	1	10	13	37	4
Whitehorse	12	1	1	10	8	46	4

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter JSC	11	8	1	2	42	17	25
South Melbourne JFC	11	6	4	1	22	11	22
Kingston City JSC	11	5	3	3	21	14	18
Bulleen JSC	9	5	2	2	17	6	17
Gippsland Soccer League	10	5	0	5	18	23	15
Whitehorse	10	4	1	5	18	16	13
Noble Park JSC	11	4	1	6	20	32	13
Doncaster Rovers JSC	10	1	4	5	14	33	7
Beaumaris SC	11	0	2	9	7	27	2

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne JFC	12	11	1	0	47	8	34
Box Hill Inter JSC	12	9	1	2	36	10	28
Knox City JSC	12	7	1	4	21	14	22
Bulleen JSC	11	6	3	2	26	11	21
Manningham JSC	11	6	2	3	23	14	20
Endeavour Utd	11	4	3	4	16	11	15
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	4	2	5	14	21	14
Chelsea JSC	12	1	2	9	8	36	5
Whitehorse	12	1	2	9	7	42	5
Beaumaris SC	12	0	1	11	3	34	1

MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter JSC	11	8	3	0	27	5	27
Monash City JSC	10	8	1	1	45	4	25
Bulleen JSC	11	7	2	2	23	8	23
Mornington SC	12	6	2	4	26	16	20
Nunawading City JSC	12	5	2	5	22	18	17
Dandenong City JSC	11	5	1	5	19	14	16
Gippsland Soccer League	11	5	1	5	19	17	16
Knox City JSC	12	4	0	8	19	21	12
Beaumaris SC	12	3	0	9	15	36	9
Baxter Soccer Club	12	0	0	12	1	77	0

MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights	11	9	2	0	52	12	29
Green Gully	11	8	2	1	60	18	26
Whittlesea Stallions	10	6	3	1	34	11	21
Hoppers Crossing	10	7	0	3	30	15	21
Sydenham Park	11	4	3	4	33	27	15
Essendon Royals	9	4	1	4	33	19	13
Preston Lions	11	1	2	8	14	36	5
North City Lions	11	1	1	9	15	81	4
Brimbank	10	0	0	10	10	62	0

MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank JSC	11	8	2	1	31	13	26
Green Gully JSC	10	5	4	1	15	5	19
Altona East JSC	11	5	3	3	20	12	18
Melbourne Knights JSC	10	4	4	2	22	14	16
Fawkner JSC	11	3	4	4	21	18	13
Essendon Royals JSC	11	4	1	6	19	21	13
Keilor Park JSC	11	2	6	3	12	12	12
Epping City SC	10	3	2	5	13	25	11
Moreland United JSC	11	0	2	9	11	44	2

MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Park JSC	12	9	1	2	35	7	28
Fawkner JSC	12	9	1	2	27	11	28
Green Gully JSC	12	8	2	2	26	7	26
Albury-Wodonga	11	8	0	3	31	17	24
Melbourne Knights JSC	12	5	1	6	21	33	16
Brimbank JSC	12	4	2	6	14	29	14
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	11	3	2	6	19	25	11
North Coburg Utd	12	3	1	8	14	20	10
Preston Lions JSC	12	3	1	8	19	31	10
Williamstown JSC	12	1	1	10	12	38	4

MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully JSC	12	10	1	1	36	8	31
Keilor Park JSC	12	8	2	2	29	12	26
Fawkner JSC	12	7	3	2	20	8	24
Melbourne Knights JSC	12	7	0	5	17	13	21
Essendon Royals JSC	12	5	3	4	13	9	18
Epping City SC	12	5	3	4	9	9	18
Altona Magic JSC	12	3	2	7	15	22	11
Preston Lions JSC	12	3	1	8	16	29	10
Hoppers Crossing JSC	12	1	4	7	8	25	7
Bundoora JSC	12	1	1	10	9	37	4

MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully JSC	7	5	1	1	17	9	16
Port Melbourne JSC	6	5	0	1	20	9	15
Brunswick City JSC	6	3	2	1	14	9	11
Bulleen JSC	7	2	1	4	13	16	7
Doncaster Rovers JSC	6	2	0	4	12	17	6
Oakleigh JSC	8	1	0	7	14	30	3

MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin SC	11	11	0	0	93	7	33
Springvale City JSC	11	9	0	2	48	19	27
Brighton JSC	11	7	1	3	44	27	22
Mooroolbark JSC	10	5	2	3	28	27	17
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	10	3	2	5	16	39	11
Glen Waverley JSC	10	3	0	7	25	32	9
Rosebud JSC	10	2	1	7	16	67	7
Mornington SC	10	1	2	7	14	28	5
Seaford United JSC	9	0	2	7	14	52	2

MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora JSC	10	10	0	0	46	12	30
Keilor Park JSC	10	9	0	1	40	10	27
Brimbank JSC	8	5	0	3	42	12	15
Essendon Royals JSC	9	4	1	4	29	22	13
St Albans	9	4	0	5	28	17	12
Northcote City JSC	10	3	1	6	15	19	10
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	10	2	0	8	11	38	6
Preston Lions JSC	10	0	0	10	1	82	0

MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	10	8	1	1	29	8	25
Brighton JSC	8	6	0	2	20	11	18
Berwick City JSC	9	6	0	3	23	18	18
Brandon Park JSC	10	5	1	4	17	18	16
Westvale SC	10	4	0	6	17	24	12
Mornington SC	9	2	1	6	21	23	7
Berwick Kings FC	9	2	1	6	9	21	7
Glen Eira JSC	9	1	2	6	10	23	5

MILO Boys South 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens JSC	12	6	6	0	36	13	24
Beaumaris SC	11	6	3	2	46	16	21
Brighton JSC	12	6	3	3	50	24	21
Sandringham City JSC	12	5	5	2	29	11	20
Doveton JSC	12	5	4	3	47	17	19
Langwarrin SC	12	6	1	5	25	16	19
Berwick City JSC	11	4	2	5	38	23	14
Springvale City JSC	12	4	2	6	23	30	14
Dandenong City JSC	12	3	2	7	25	36	11
Baxter Soccer Club	12	0	0	12	8	141	0

MILO Boys South 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Chelsea JSC	11	10	1	0	36	8	31
Rowville Eagles SC	10	9	0	1	56	8	27
Peninsula JSC	11	6	2	3	35	22	20
Doveton JSC	10	5	1	4	32	23	16
Dandenong Sparrows JSC	11	4	2	5	25	33	14
Carrum Utd	10	3	1	6	13	16	10
Sandringham City A	11	3	0	8	21	33	9
Beaumaris SC	11	1	3	7	11	45	6
Sandringham City B	11	1	2	8	19	60	5

MILO Boys South 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cranbourne Comets JSC	12	11	0	1	50	12	33
Sandringham City JSC	12	11	0	1	47	11	33
Langwarrin SC	12	8	0	4	36	20	24
Springvale White Eagles JSC	12	7	1	4	28	14	22
Brighton JSC	12	5	2	5	19	18	17
Dandenong Thunder JSC	12	5	1	6	21	32	16
Berwick City JSC	12	4	3	5	24	20	15

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Mornington SC	12	2	2	8	17	40	8
Seaford Utd	12	1	1	10	9	43	4
Hampton Park Utd	12	1	0	11	13	54	3

MILO Boys South 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City JSC	12	11	1	0	93	14	34
Bentleigh Greens JSC	12	10	1	1	47	20	31
Endeavour United JSC	12	7	3	2	35	12	24
Beaumaris SC	12	6	1	5	29	31	19
Rosebud JSC	12	5	1	6	25	44	16
Berwick City JSC	11	5	0	6	23	24	15
Baxter Soccer Club	12	5	0	7	23	26	15
Langwarrin SC	11	4	1	6	25	23	13
Brighton JSC	12	1	1	10	13	68	4
Mornington A	12	0	1	11	9	60	1

MILO Boys South 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Springvale White Eagles	12	10	1	1	58	18	31
Mornington	12	10	0	2	72	12	30
Langwarrin	12	8	1	3	40	11	25
Brighton	12	8	1	3	54	26	25
Sandringham City	12	8	0	4	42	22	24
Berwick City	11	5	1	5	38	27	16
Lyndale Utd	11	4	0	7	32	39	12
Beaumaris	12	2	0	10	15	71	6
Hampton Park Utd	12	1	0	11	8	67	3
Baxter	12	1	0	11	10	76	3

MILO Boys South 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong City JSC	11	10	0	1	45	7	30
Frankston Pines JSC	10	9	0	1	68	7	27
Cranbourne Comets JSC	11	8	1	2	47	15	25
Brighton JSC	10	5	1	4	30	25	16
Langwarrin SC	11	5	1	5	26	29	16
Mornington SC	10	4	1	5	24	19	13
Peninsula JSC	11	4	0	7	23	35	12
Sandringham City JSC	11	1	0	10	11	52	3
Heatherton Utd	0				0	0	0
White Star Dandenong JSC	11	0	0	11	4	89	0

MILO Boys South 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Dandenong Thunder JSC	11	10	0	1	43	6	30
Langwarrin SC	12	8	2	2	35	7	26
Bentleigh Greens JSC	11	8	1	2	27	10	25
Brighton JSC	12	7	1	4	36	16	22
Berwick City JSC	11	7	0	4	39	10	21
Frankston Pines JSC	11	6	0	5	30	13	18
Doveton JSC	11	4	3	4	24	25	15
Mornington SC	11	1	2	8	6	52	5
Hampton Park Utd	12	0	2	10	4	42	2
Endeavour Utd	12	0	1	11	4	67	1

MILO Boys South 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale Utd	12	10	2	0	70	8	32
East Bentleigh JSC	11	9	1	1	52	10	28
Berwick City JSC	12	9	0	3	50	14	27
Sandringham City JSC	12	8	2	2	54	14	26
Beaumaris SC	12	6	2	4	30	17	20
Brighton JSC	12	4	0	8	24	40	12
Carrum Utd	12	3	0	9	12	56	9
Phillip Island JSC	11	2	2	7	18	51	8
Seaford Utd	12	1	2	9	6	47	5
Hampton Park Utd	12	1	1	10	9	68	4

MILO Boys South 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Beaumaris	10	9	0	1	33	11	27
Springvale White Eagles	11	8	0	3	37	22	24
Cranbourne Comets	10	6	3	1	33	10	21
Langwarrin	11	6	3	2	34	14	21
Seaford Utd	11	6	1	4	35	21	19
Brighton	10	3	0	7	15	27	9
Baxter	10	2	1	7	8	23	7
Berwick City	10	1	1	8	7	36	4
Sandringham City	11	1	1	9	7	45	4

MILO Boys South 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Beaumaris SC	11	10	1	0	38	6	31
Berwick City JSC	11	8	2	1	33	7	26
Sandringham City JSC	12	8	2	2	34	12	26
Dandenong City JSC	12	8	2	2	35	14	26
Peninsula JSC	12	6	3	3	25	9	21
Bentleigh Greens JSC	12	5	2	5	21	16	17
Mornington SC	12	4	0	8	18	29	12
Brighton JSC	12	2	0	10	6	25	6
Hampton Park Utd	12	1	0	11	3	43	3
Langwarrin SC	12	1	0	11	12	64	3

MILO Boys South 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	10	9	0	1	27	5	27
Beaumaris	11	6	2	3	20	11	20
Mornington	11	6	1	4	20	14	19
Brighton	10	5	1	4	14	13	16
Cranbourne Comets	11	5	1	5	14	14	16
Seaford Utd	11	5	1	5	13	18	16
Berwick City	11	3	3	5	14	13	12
Sandringham City	10	1	3	6	7	15	6
Chelsea	11	1	2	8	4	30	5
Langwarrin	0				0	0	0

MILO Boys South 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Rosebud JSC	9	9	0	0	33	0	27
Beaumaris SC	10	7	1	2	25	14	22
Baxter Soccer Club	9	5	2	2	20	12	17
Langwarrin SC	10	4	4	2	14	11	16
Mornington SC	9	5	0	4	14	12	15
Sandringham City JSC	9	2	1	6	12	26	7
Seaford Utd	10	1	0	9	11	31	3
Brighton JSC	10	1	0	9	6	29	3

MILO Boys South 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bentleigh Greens JSC	10	10	0	0	76	3	30
Harrisfield Hurricanes	10	9	0	1	71	8	27
Peninsula JSC	10	6	1	3	51	18	19
Keysborough JSC	10	5	1	4	55	26	16
Hampton JSC	10	4	0	6	40	28	12
Casey Panthers JSC	9	1	0	8	7	67	3
Endeavour Hills SC	8	1	0	7	2	76	3

Lyndale Utd	9	1	0	8	5	81	3

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton	11	9	2	0	36	10	29
Berwick City	10	7	2	1	31	10	23
Beaumaris	10	6	3	1	34	8	21
Mornington	11	5	2	4	22	16	17
Heatherton Utd	11	4	1	6	22	23	13
Dandenong City	11	4	1	6	16	18	13
Sandringham City	11	1	6	4	7	17	9
Hampton	10	1	2	7	7	30	5
Cranbourne Comets	11	1	1	9	11	54	4

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City JSC	10	8	1	1	64	6	25
Noble Park JSC	11	6	4	1	40	6	22
Seaford Utd	11	6	4	1	33	9	22
Dandenong Thunder JSC	11	5	4	2	37	11	19
Langwarrin SC	10	5	4	1	30	6	19
Springvale White Eagles	9	4	1	4	34	13	13
Peninsula JSC	10	1	1	8	3	49	4
Mornington SC	10	0	2	8	1	61	2
Rosebud JSC	10	0	1	9	2	83	1

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City	11	10	1	0	62	7	31
Sandringham City	10	8	0	2	34	12	24
Brighton	10	6	2	2	19	13	20
Endeavour Utd	10	6	1	3	20	17	19
Beaumaris	11	5	1	5	16	18	16
Baxter	11	3	2	6	23	24	11
Doveton	11	2	2	7	11	23	8
Dandenong City	10	2	1	7	7	31	7
Carrum Utd	10	0	0	10	1	48	0

MILO Boys South 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton Park Utd	12	10	2	0	48	9	32
Mornington	12	9	1	2	30	9	28
Brighton B	12	8	2	2	25	8	26
Sandringham City	12	7	1	4	23	14	22
Hampton	11	6	1	4	23	12	19
Keysborough	12	5	0	7	19	25	15
Beaumaris	12	3	1	8	11	28	10
Langwarrin	12	3	0	9	8	32	9
Brighton A	12	2	2	8	6	25	8
Berwick City	11	1	0	10	12	43	3

MILO Boys East 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bulleen JSC	10	8	1	1	46	10	25
Riversdale Raiders	10	8	1	1	35	13	25
Manningham JSC	10	7	1	2	32	11	22
East Bentleigh JSC	10	6	1	3	32	16	19
Nunawading City JSC	9	5	2	2	30	16	17
Glen Waverley JSC	11	5	0	6	32	16	15
Doncaster Rovers JSC	9	1	1	7	6	39	4
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	10	1	1	8	8	59	4
Ashburton JSC	11	0	0	11	9	50	0

MILO Boys East 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond JSC	10	8	1	1	53	11	25
Boroondara Lions JFC	9	7	1	1	27	15	22
Boronia JSC	9	6	1	2	41	17	19
North Caulfield JSC	9	5	1	3	40	10	16
Mooroolbark JSC	9	3	2	4	30	36	11
Manningham JSC	8	2	1	5	21	31	7
Eastern Lions	10	2	1	7	23	38	7
Glen Eira JSC	10	0	0	10	9	86	0

MILO Boys East 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bulleen JSC	10	7	2	1	37	9	23
Boronia JSC	11	7	1	3	34	22	22
South Melbourne JFC	11	5	4	2	20	10	19
South Springvale JSC	10	5	2	3	18	13	17
North Caulfield JSC	10	4	3	3	16	10	15
Manningham JSC	10	4	1	5	17	15	13
Richmond JSC	11	3	1	7	14	44	10
Knox City JSC	10	2	1	7	9	21	7
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	2	1	8	13	34	7
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	0				0	0	0

MILO Boys East 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	12	9	2	1	31	11	29
Brandon Park JSC	11	8	2	1	36	14	26
Croydon City Arrows JSC	11	7	1	3	27	15	22
Nunawading City JSC	12	6	1	5	38	23	19
Glen Waverley JSC	10	5	2	3	26	22	17
North Caulfield JSC	11	5	1	5	19	24	16
Westvale SC	11	4	3	4	15	14	15
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	2	3	6	13	18	9
East Bentleigh JSC	11	1	2	8	9	31	5
Boronia JSC	12	0	1	11	6	48	1

MILO Boys East 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Lions JFC	11	11	0	0	53	11	33
Port Melbourne JSC	10	7	1	2	39	14	22
Caulfield Utd	11	7	1	3	36	15	22
Ashburton JSC	10	6	3	1	28	9	21
Ringwood City JSC	11	5	1	5	28	21	16
Manningham JSC	11	4	0	7	27	29	12
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	11	3	0	8	17	48	9
Richmond JSC	11	2	0	9	7	43	6
Mooroolbark JSC	10	0	0	10	8	51	0

MILO Boys East 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nunawading City JSC	10	8	1	1	22	7	25
Bulleen JSC	10	8	0	2	35	8	24
Kingston City JSC	11	7	1	3	29	15	22
Richmond JSC	11	5	3	3	22	14	18
Glen Waverley JSC	11	4	1	6	33	28	13
Riversdale Raiders	10	3	3	4	12	13	12
Eastern Lions	10	3	1	6	19	19	10
Caulfield Utd	10	2	0	8	12	57	6
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	11	1	2	8	13	36	5

MILO Boys East 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Southern Stars JFC	12	12	0	0	70	7	36
Melbourne Utd	12	8	1	3	34	21	25
Bulleen JSC	11	7	2	2	25	13	23
Manningham JSC	12	7	0	5	25	18	21
Oakleigh JSC	12	6	1	5	34	22	19
Glen Eira JSC	12	5	2	5	29	35	17
North Caulfield JSC	11	2	4	5	15	15	10
Whitehorse	12	3	1	8	15	52	10
Springvale City JSC	11	2	1	8	14	33	7
Clayton JSC	11	0	0	11	7	52	0

MILO Boys East 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers JSC	12	11	0	1	52	12	33
Beaumaris SC	12	7	2	3	30	20	23
Berwick City JSC	11	7	1	3	36	15	22
Croydon City Arrows JSC	12	6	2	4	35	24	20
Nunawading City JSC	12	5	1	6	28	26	16
Mooroolbark JSC	11	5	1	5	24	32	16
Knox City JSC	12	4	1	7	36	47	13
Glen Waverley JSC	12	3	3	6	21	33	12
Stonnington City JSC	12	3	1	8	24	39	10
Brighton JSC	12	1	2	9	14	52	5

MILO Boys East 14 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Chelsea JSC	11	9	1	1	57	9	28
Manningham JSC	11	9	0	2	48	9	27
Boronia JSC	11	8	0	3	48	11	24
Ashburton JSC	12	8	0	4	43	17	24
Hampton JSC	12	8	0	4	35	16	24
East Bentleigh JSC	11	6	1	4	37	20	19
Eastern Lions	12	4	0	8	16	59	12
Doncaster Rovers JSC	12	3	0	9	20	53	9
Ringwood City JSC	12	2	0	10	20	56	6
Glen Eira JSC	12	0	0	12	10	84	0

MILO Boys East 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Caulfield	11	8	3	0	24	6	27
Doncaster Rovers	10	7	0	3	34	19	21
Bulleen	11	6	1	4	28	23	19
Oakleigh	11	5	3	3	29	17	18
South Melbourne	10	5	2	3	22	13	17
Croydon City Arrows	11	4	2	5	14	17	14
Riversdale Raiders	10	3	1	6	14	27	10
Port Melbourne	10	1	2	7	12	35	5
Clayton	10	1	0	9	10	30	3

MILO Boys East 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boronia JSC	11	7	3	1	33	10	24
Kingston City JSC	10	7	3	0	25	11	24
Manningham JSC	11	6	0	5	20	10	18
Monash City JSC	11	5	1	5	27	16	16
Ashburton JSC	11	4	4	3	10	18	16
Richmond JSC	10	4	3	3	20	14	15
Eastern Lions	11	4	1	6	15	21	13
Nunawading City JSC	10	1	2	7	3	19	5
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	11	1	1	9	4	38	4

MILO Boys East 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Glen Waverley JSC	9	6	1	2	25	10	19
Ringwood City JSC	8	6	0	2	14	7	18
Brandon Park JSC	10	5	2	3	20	16	17
Richmond JSC	9	4	4	1	15	6	16
North Caulfield JSC	9	4	2	3	15	14	14
Springvale City JSC	8	1	2	5	8	18	5
Mooroolbark JSC	9	1	2	6	13	24	5
Caulfield Utd	8	1	1	6	9	24	4

MILO Boys East 13 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Doncaster Rovers	11	10	1	0	60	2	31
Ashburton	11	7	1	3	40	12	22
East Bentleigh	10	7	1	2	26	5	22
Boroondara Lions	10	6	0	4	23	15	18
Boronia	10	6	0	4	23	20	18
Glen Waverley	11	3	1	7	13	28	10
North Caulfield	11	3	1	7	11	29	10
Croydon City Arrows	10	2	1	7	16	44	7
Glen Eira	10	0	0	10	2	59	0

MILO Boys East 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Box Hill Inter JSC	11	11	0	0	43	8	33
Richmond JSC	11	7	1	3	62	10	22
Bulleen JSC	10	7	0	3	32	7	21
Monash City JSC	10	6	2	2	32	11	20
Whitehorse	11	6	0	5	26	15	18
South Melbourne JFC	10	5	0	5	29	21	15
Knox City JSC	11	2	1	8	15	35	7
East Bentleigh JSC	10	0	1	9	4	47	1
Glen Waverley JSC	10	0	1	9	3	92	1

MILO Boys East 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh JSC	11	10	0	1	40	10	30
North Caulfield JSC	10	9	0	1	29	9	27
Ringwood City JSC	10	7	2	1	33	12	23
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	5	3	3	30	14	18
Bulleen JSC	10	3	3	4	19	18	12
Croydon City Arrows JSC	11	3	1	7	20	31	10
Stonnington City JSC	11	3	1	7	12	25	10
Riversdale Raiders	11	3	0	8	18	19	9
Glen Waverley JSC	11	0	0	11	7	70	0

MILO Boys East 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bulleen JSC	10	9	1	0	37	2	28
Melbourne United JSC	11	8	1	2	43	5	25
Brandon Park JSC	11	8	1	2	30	5	25
North Caulfield JSC	10	7	0	3	33	10	21
Waverley Wanderers JSC	11	6	1	4	33	12	19
Eastern Lions	11	4	1	6	32	20	13
Mooroolbark JSC	11	2	1	8	19	49	7
Boroondara Lions JFC	11	1	0	10	10	51	3
Ashburton JSC	10	0	0	10	2	85	0

MILO Boys East 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clayton JSC	10	8	1	1	33	4	25
Manningham JSC	9	8	1	0	33	8	25
Knox City JSC	10	5	2	3	24	13	17
Eastern Lions	10	4	2	4	13	15	14
Doncaster Rovers JSC	9	4	1	4	24	18	13

North Caulfield JSC	9	1	2	6	4	27	5
Croydon City Arrows JSC	7	0	4	3	4	12	4
Riversdale Raiders	10	0	1	9	5	43	1

MILO Boys East 12 E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield United JSC	10	8	0	2	33	14	24
Croydon City Arrows JSC	10	6	0	4	26	18	18
Whitehorse	8	5	1	2	21	10	16
Richmond JSC	9	4	1	4	24	17	13
Northcote City JSC	9	4	1	4	16	13	13
Bentleigh Greens JSC	8	4	1	3	16	17	13
Ringwood City JSC	9	1	1	7	6	23	4
Frankston Strikers JSC	9	1	1	7	10	40	4

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Melbourne JFC	10	9	0	1	37	8	27
Croydon City Arrows JSC	10	9	0	1	34	6	27
Richmond JSC	11	7	2	2	25	11	23
Box Hill Inter JSC	11	6	1	4	30	10	19
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	5	1	5	24	21	16
Oakleigh JSC	11	4	3	4	14	15	15
North Caulfield JSC	11	3	1	7	16	19	10
Glen Waverley JSC	11	1	0	10	3	33	3
Eastern Lions	0				0	0	0
Boronia JSC	10	0	0	10	0	60	0

MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City JSC	12	10	2	0	57	3	32
South Melbourne JFC	12	10	2	0	53	4	32
Bulleen JSC	11	8	1	2	34	7	25
Nunawading City JSC	11	6	2	3	20	14	20
Boronia JSC	11	5	2	4	17	17	17
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	3	3	5	12	26	12
Stonnington City JSC	12	4	0	8	16	33	12
Riversdale Raiders	12	2	2	8	4	31	8
Ringwood City JSC	12	0	4	8	7	34	4
Richmond JSC	12	0	2	10	2	53	2

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Orange

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bulleen JSC	10	9	1	0	58	2	28
Clayton JSC	10	9	1	0	47	7	28
Doncaster Rovers JSC	10	6	1	3	15	12	19
Knox Utd	9	4	0	5	22	19	12
North Caulfield JSC	9	3	1	5	8	12	10
Eastern Lions	9	2	0	7	7	33	6
Richmond JSC	9	2	0	7	6	37	6
East Bentleigh JSC	10	1	0	9	3	35	3

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bulleen JSC	9	8	1	0	22	4	25
East Bentleigh JSC	10	6	3	1	27	6	21
Caulfield Utd	11	6	2	3	24	14	20
Nunawading City JSC	11	5	4	2	13	7	19
Ashburton JSC	11	5	3	3	20	10	18
Richmond JSC	11	3	1	7	6	25	10
Manningham JSC	10	2	3	5	3	10	9
Kingston City JSC	11	1	5	5	10	13	8
Croydon City Arrows JSC	10	0	0	10	5	41	0

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	10	10	0	0	43	4	30
Sherbrooke Rangers	11	8	0	3	27	11	24
Doncaster Rovers	9	7	0	2	36	6	21
Knox City	10	7	0	3	29	8	21
Melbourne Utd	9	3	1	5	17	21	10
North Caulfield	10	3	1	6	17	24	10
Brandon Park	10	2	0	8	5	26	6
Ashburton	10	2	0	8	6	49	6
Glen Eira	11	1	2	8	6	37	5

MILO Boys East 11 Joeys Yellow

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monash City JSC	12	11	0	1	55	5	33
Mooroolbark JSC	11	9	0	2	37	4	27
Port Melbourne JSC	12	8	0	4	58	15	24
Glen Eira JSC	12	6	2	4	29	24	20
Ringwood City JSC	12	5	2	5	21	30	17
Boroondara Lions JFC	12	3	4	5	16	28	13
Springvale City JSC	9	3	2	4	16	21	11
Riversdale Raiders	11	2	4	5	11	23	10
Glen Waverley JSC	12	1	4	7	4	35	7
Eastern Lions	11	0	0	11	1	63	0

MILO Boys N/W 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Werribee City JSC	12	9	3	0	50	10	30
Altona City JSC	12	7	4	1	51	15	25
Keilor Wolves JSC	12	6	4	2	37	22	22
Broadmeadows Utd	12	6	3	3	30	14	21
Altona East JSC	12	5	4	3	37	25	19
Maribyrnong Greens JSC	12	4	4	4	36	28	16
Lalor Utd	12	5	0	7	33	39	15
Meadow Park JSC	12	3	1	8	28	42	10
Sydenham Park JSC	12	3	1	8	22	46	10
Watsonia Heights JSC	12	0	0	12	12	95	0

MILO Boys N/W 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Sunshine Eagles	11	7	2	2	24	10	23
Light Utd	11	7	2	2	14	8	23
Sunshine Georgies	10	7	1	2	38	8	22
Altona East	11	7	1	3	29	9	22
Essendon Royals	11	7	1	3	18	13	22
Bundoora	11	4	0	7	10	12	12
Sydenham Park	10	3	1	6	5	27	10
Sunbury Utd	11	1	0	10	2	34	3
Gisborne	10	0	2	8	5	24	2

MILO Boys N/W 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Northcote City JSC	10	9	1	0	48	4	28
Lalor Utd	10	6	3	1	40	6	21
Werribee City JSC	9	6	2	1	28	7	20
Altona City JSC	10	5	0	5	24	11	15
Flemington Eagles JSC	7	2	0	5	6	20	6
Watsonia Heights JSC	8	0	0	8	1	46	0
Essendon Royals JSC	8	0	0	8	2	55	0

MILO Boys N/W 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT

Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	11	1	0	77	0	34
Epping City SC	12	11	0	1	61	4	33
Fawkner JSC	11	8	2	1	76	5	26
North Coburg United SC	12	7	1	4	30	29	22
Heidelberg Utd	12	4	4	4	26	29	16
Laverton Park JSC	11	3	2	6	18	36	11
Brunswick City JSC	11	1	5	5	11	37	8
Hoppers Crossing JSC	11	1	3	7	9	56	6
Mill Park JSC	12	1	1	10	9	65	4
North Sunshine Eagles JSC	12	0	3	9	6	62	3

MILO Boys N/W 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Keilor Wolves JSC	11	8	2	1	50	8	26
Plenty Valley Lions JSC	11	8	2	1	52	14	26
Whittlesea Utd	10	6	2	2	29	12	20
Brimbank City JSC	10	5	4	1	28	16	19
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	5	2	4	19	14	17
Westvale SC	11	4	1	6	28	20	13
Melbourne Lions	11	4	1	6	22	27	13
Altona City JSC	11	1	0	10	5	42	3
Mill Park JSC	10	0	0	10	0	80	0

MILO Boys North 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Heidelberg Stars JSC	12	10	1	1	36	10	31
Epping City SC	11	8	1	2	38	12	25
Bundoora JSC	11	7	1	3	40	15	22
Light Utd	12	6	1	5	30	19	19
Brunswick Zebras JSC	10	5	1	4	37	23	16
Brunswick City JSC	11	3	6	2	28	16	15
North Coburg Utd	11	3	2	6	16	19	11
Clifton Hill Utd	12	3	2	7	19	25	11
Moreland Utd	11	3	1	7	13	33	10
Eltham North JSC	11	0	0	11	5	90	0

MILO Boys North 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	11	10	1	0	64	11	31
Preston Lions JSC	10	8	1	1	47	10	25
Brunswick City JSC	10	7	1	2	49	16	22
Whittlesea Utd	11	6	1	4	25	21	19
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	5	0	6	26	19	15
Bundoora JSC	11	5	0	6	25	26	15
Essendon Royals JSC	11	4	0	7	29	27	12
Eltham North JSC	10	1	0	9	12	53	3
Plenty Valley Lions JSC	0				0	0	0
Moreland Wolves	11	0	0	11	9	103	0

MILO Boys North 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarraville JSC	12	10	0	2	70	10	30
Northcote City JSC	12	10	0	2	60	15	30
Brimbank City JSC	12	8	2	2	58	14	26
Heidelberg Utd	12	7	3	2	52	17	24
Light Utd	11	5	3	3	26	25	18
Lalor JSC	11	5	0	6	15	34	15
Carlton Youth FC	12	2	2	8	21	48	8
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	2	0	10	12	63	6
Plenty Valley Lions JSC	10	1	2	7	11	51	5
Sunbury United JSC	12	1	2	9	8	56	5

MILO Boys North 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora JSC	11	8	3	0	28	3	27
North Coburg Utd	10	7	2	1	23	12	23
Hume Utd	11	5	3	3	16	14	18
Essendon Royals JSC	9	5	2	2	19	8	17
Fawkner JSC	9	3	4	2	16	9	13
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	2	3	6	12	27	9
Eltham North JSC	10	1	4	5	9	16	7
Moreland Utd	9	1	2	6	7	16	5
Epping City SC	10	1	1	8	5	30	4

MILO Boys North 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Light Utd	12	10	2	0	56	6	32
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	12	8	3	1	28	5	27
Essendon Royals JSC	12	8	2	2	31	14	26
Bundoora JSC	12	7	3	2	31	15	24
Lalor Utd	12	6	1	5	20	29	19
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	12	5	2	5	22	22	17
Diamond Valley Utd	11	2	2	7	15	36	8
Moreland City JSC	12	1	3	8	10	26	6
Epping City SC	11	1	3	7	11	37	6
Eltham North JSC	12	0	1	11	9	43	1

MILO Boys North 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
North Coburg Utd	11	11	0	0	73	8	33
Brunswick City JSC	12	9	2	1	48	10	29
Essendon Royals JSC	12	9	2	1	42	15	29
Hume Utd	10	6	1	3	23	16	19
Fawkner JSC	11	6	0	5	19	23	18
Sunbury Utd	12	5	0	7	25	27	15
Epping City SC	12	4	1	7	21	30	13
North City Lions JSC	12	2	0	10	11	44	6
Bundoora JSC	12	2	0	10	8	61	6
Heidelberg Utd	12	1	0	11	9	45	3

MILO Boys North 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	12	12	0	0	66	4	36
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	12	10	0	2	41	11	30
Light Utd	12	9	2	1	28	10	29
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	7	0	5	33	21	21
Eltham North JSC	12	6	1	5	32	18	19
Epping City SC	12	5	0	7	19	27	15
Fawkner JSC	12	4	1	7	13	27	13
Preston Lions JSC	12	3	0	9	15	33	9
Moreland City JSC	12	1	0	11	5	51	3
Lalor Utd	12	1	0	11	6	56	3

MILO Boys North 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora JSC	9	8	1	0	28	4	25
Meadow Park JSC	10	8	0	2	26	16	24
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	9	7	1	1	33	6	22
Clifton Hill Utd	10	6	0	4	28	16	18
Banyule City JSC	8	2	0	6	12	17	6
Eltham North JSC	10	2	0	8	12	33	6
Fawkner JSC	7	1	1	5	5	17	4
Plenty Valley Lions JSC	9	0	1	8	2	37	1

MILO Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Greenvale Utd	12	10	1	1	51	3	31

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Essendon Royals JSC	12	8	4	0	38	7	28
Broadmeadows Utd	12	8	1	3	41	16	25
Moreland Utd	12	7	1	4	25	18	22
Youth Utd	12	5	3	4	22	27	18
Hume Utd	12	5	2	5	21	22	17
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	4	0	8	16	29	12
Moreland Wolves	12	3	1	8	18	38	10
Watsonia Heights JSC	12	3	1	8	16	43	10
Alphington	12	0	0	12	6	51	0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	8	3	0	23	6	27
Bundoora JSC	10	8	1	1	34	3	25
North City Lions JSC	11	7	2	2	46	13	23
Preston Lions JSC	11	6	4	1	31	6	22
Brunswick City JSC	10	4	2	4	20	11	14
Heidelberg Stars JSC	11	4	1	6	17	16	13
Epping City SC	11	2	1	8	12	34	7
Heidelberg Utd	10	2	0	8	8	37	6
Eltham North JSC	11	0	0	11	1	66	0

MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melbourne Knights JSC	10	8	2	0	35	8	26
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	11	8	1	2	21	6	25
Essendon Royals JSC	10	7	2	1	34	8	23
Light Utd	10	5	3	2	18	4	18
Fawkner JSC	10	5	1	4	14	15	16
Moreland City JSC	11	4	0	7	5	19	12
North City Lions JSC	11	3	2	6	14	19	11
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	0	2	9	5	34	2
Clifton Hill Utd	10	0	1	9	4	39	1

MILO Boys North 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moreland Utd	12	11	1	0	48	2	34
Diamond Valley Utd	12	10	1	1	33	5	31
Essendon Royals JSC	12	7	1	4	21	10	22
Keon Park SC	11	5	2	4	16	15	17
Watsonia Heights JSC	12	5	2	5	19	23	17
Light United North JSC	9	4	0	5	15	19	12
North Coburg Utd	10	3	2	5	8	11	11
Lalor Utd	11	2	2	7	10	29	8
Epping City SC	11	2	0	9	8	26	6
Brunswick City JSC	12	1	1	10	6	44	4

MILO Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion Rovers	10	10	0	0	67	12	30
Keilor Park	11	8	2	1	49	7	26
St Albans	11	8	1	2	51	21	25
Western Eagles	12	7	1	4	30	28	22
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	12	5	3	4	31	25	18
Sunbury Utd	12	4	1	7	26	46	13
Laverton Park	12	3	3	6	21	27	12
WVSA	11	4	0	7	25	34	12
Gisborne	11	2	0	9	11	48	6
Sunshine Heights	12	0	1	11	4	67	1

MILO Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Georgies JSC	12	10	2	0	76	9	32
North Sunshine Eagles JSC	12	8	2	2	45	15	26
Altona Magic JSC	12	7	4	1	46	11	25
Brimbank JSC	12	7	2	3	45	18	23
Keilor Park JSC	12	7	2	3	46	26	23
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	12	5	2	5	22	25	17
Avondale Heights JSC	11	3	0	8	15	42	9
Melton SC	12	3	0	9	32	73	9
St Albans	11	2	0	9	23	48	6
Hoppers Crossing JSC	12	0	0	12	2	85	0

MILO Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Green Gully	10	8	1	1	31	7	25
Keilor Park	11	7	3	1	27	9	24
Albion Rovers	10	7	1	2	27	8	22
Altona City	11	6	1	4	34	10	19
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	11	5	3	3	24	14	18
Hoppers Crossing	10	3	0	7	22	29	9
Laverton Park	10	2	2	6	16	27	8
St Albans	10	2	2	6	8	26	8
Brimbank	11	0	1	10	3	62	1

MILO Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Heights	12	11	1	0	65	8	34
Sunshine Georgies	12	9	2	1	47	13	29
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	12	8	1	3	37	17	25
Keilor Park	12	7	0	5	26	15	21
Sydenham Park	12	6	2	4	17	17	20
Werribee City	12	6	0	6	25	23	18
Green Gully	12	5	1	6	24	19	16
Western Eagles	12	3	1	8	19	29	10
Williamstown	12	1	0	11	9	65	3
Melbourne Knights	12	0	0	12	2	65	0

MILO Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brimbank JSC	12	9	2	1	41	8	29
Green Gully JSC	12	9	2	1	39	7	29
Altona City JSC	12	8	2	2	50	9	26
Albion Rovers JSC	11	8	0	3	45	15	24
Werribee City JSC	12	7	1	4	26	14	22
Melbourne Knights JSC	11	5	3	3	31	11	18
Keilor Park JSC	12	3	2	7	21	23	11
Sydenham Park JSC	12	3	0	9	10	30	9
Hoppers Crossing JSC	12	1	0	11	4	75	3
Sunshine Heights JSC	12	0	0	12	2	77	0

MILO Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sunshine Georgies JSC	11	10	1	0	36	5	31
Keilor Park JSC	11	8	0	3	33	7	24
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	10	6	2	2	19	6	20
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	6	1	3	23	20	19
Melton SC	11	3	1	7	13	26	10
St Albans	9	3	0	6	13	16	9
Brimbank JSC	11	3	0	8	8	37	9
Green Gully JSC	11	2	1	8	8	21	7
Avondale Heights JSC	8	2	0	6	6	21	6
Altona City JSC	0		0	0	0		

MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City	9	7	1	1	46	5	22
Green Gully	10	7	1	2	44	6	22
Keilor Park	10	6	2	2	36	6	20
Gisborne	8	6	0	2	13	8	18
Albion Rovers	8	3	2	3	15	20	11
WVSA	9	2	1	6	16	31	7
Hoppers Crossing	10	2	1	7	14	43	7
Flemington Eagles	10	0	0	10	8	73	0

MILO Boys West 11 Joeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Avondale Heights JSC	8	8	0	0	36	7	24
Williamstown JSC	8	5	2	1	20	5	17
Laverton Park JSC	9	5	2	2	24	14	17
Keilor Park JSC	9	4	1	4	21	12	13
Maribyrnong Greens JSC	7	3	1	3	8	10	10
Werribee City JSC	9	2	1	6	9	24	7
Satellite City Utd	8	2	0	6	9	29	6
Brimbank JSC	8	0	1	7	0	26	1

MILO Boys West 11 Joeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	10	7	1	2	44	13	22
Green Gully	9	7	1	1	36	8	22
Sunbury Utd	9	6	1	2	26	6	19
Sunshine Georgies	10	4	4	2	34	9	16
Altona City	10	5	0	5	34	13	15
Sydenham Park	8	2	0	6	15	41	6
St Albans	8	0	2	6	6	27	2
Gisborne	8	0	1	7	2	80	1

MILO Girls Metro 18 Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City JSC	9	9	0	0	65	2	27
Bundoora JSC	7	6	0	1	57	11	18
Sydenham Park JSC	8	6	0	2	36	13	18
St. Albans JSC	8	3	2	3	22	20	11
Brunswick Zebras JSC	9	3	2	4	31	32	11
Bulleen JSC	8	1	2	5	12	41	5
Heidelberg United JSC	5	0	0	5	3	33	0
Whitehorse	8	0	0	8	3	77	0

MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Noble Park JSC	10	10	0	0	71	5	30
Berwick City JSC	9	5	1	3	20	15	16
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	9	5	0	4	15	12	15
Mornington SC	8	5	0	3	10	21	15
Croydon City Arrows JSC	9	3	2	4	11	16	11
Langwarrin SC	9	3	1	5	12	19	10
Endeavour Utd	9	2	0	7	5	27	6
Glen Eira JSC	9	1	0	8	4	33	3

MILO Girls Metro 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton JWSC	9	7	1	1	25	10	22
Epping City SC	10	6	2	2	33	26	20
Richmond JSC	9	6	0	3	23	17	18
Beaumaris SC	9	5	0	4	29	19	15
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	8	4	1	3	26	14	13
Glen Eira JSC	9	3	0	6	22	33	9
Westgate JFC	9	2	1	6	22	33	7
Watsonia Heights JSC	9	0	1	8	7	35	1

MILO Girls Metro 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Rosebud JSC	9	8	1	0	23	7	25
Brighton JSC	8	5	1	2	15	8	16
Langwarrin SC	9	4	1	4	21	14	13
Baxter Soccer Club	9	3	4	2	17	13	13
Berwick City JSC	10	4	1	5	15	14	13
Boroondara Lions JFC	8	3	2	3	17	14	11
Sandringham City JSC	10	2	1	7	7	27	7
Mornington SC	9	1	1	7	3	21	4

MILO Girls Metro 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Eastern Lions	8	7	0	1	26	4	21
East Bentleigh JSC	9	7	0	2	24	7	21
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	9	5	1	3	24	13	16
Croydon City Arrows JSC	9	5	0	4	15	9	15
Brighton JSC	9	4	1	4	5	8	13
North Caulfield JSC	9	4	0	5	13	20	12
Hampton Park Utd	9	3	0	6	4	14	9
Mornington SC	10	0	0	10	5	41	0

MILO Girls Metro 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brighton JSC	12	10	2	0	35	6	32
Knox City JSC	12	8	2	2	39	13	26
Beaumaris SC	12	8	1	3	30	16	25
Baxter Soccer Club	12	8	0	4	31	21	24
Sandringham City JSC	12	6	2	4	26	20	20
Croydon City Arrows JSC	12	6	2	4	21	22	20
Berwick City JSC	12	4	1	7	25	19	13
Mornington SC	12	2	1	9	14	38	7
Peninsula JSC	12	1	1	10	5	35	4
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	12	1	0	11	6	42	3

MILO Girls Metro 13 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Boroondara Lions JFC	12	9	3	0	36	4	30
Richmond JSC	11	8	2	1	26	7	26
Doncaster Rovers JSC	11	8	2	1	20	11	26
Nunawading City JSC	12	7	0	5	18	14	21
Western Eagles JSC	12	6	2	4	25	13	20
Dandenong Thunder JSC	12	6	2	4	22	14	20
Sunbury Utd	12	6	1	5	20	15	19
Brunswick Zebras JSC	12	2	0	10	4	19	6
Brighton JSC	12	1	0	11	5	42	3
Carrum Utd	12	0	0	12	7	44	0

MILO Girls Metro 13 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoora JSC	12	11	1	0	38	2	34
Hoppers Crossing JSC	11	7	2	2	25	15	23
Caulfield Utd	11	7	1	3	32	10	22
Langwarrin SC	12	7	1	4	20	18	22
East Bentleigh JSC	11	5	3	3	21	10	18
Altona City JSC	11	6	0	5	21	10	18
Beaumaris SC	11	4	2	5	16	17	14
Brighton JSC	12	2	2	8	7	18	8
Doncaster Rovers JSC	12	1	1	10	8	51	4
Watsonia Heights JSC	11	0	1	10	3	40	1

MILO Girls S/E 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin SC	11	10	1	0	59	4	31
Mooroolbark JSC	11	7	1	3	31	21	22
Casey Panthers JSC	11	5	2	4	29	29	17
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	10	4	3	3	16	13	15
Glen Waverley JSC	11	4	2	5	22	25	14
Chelsea JSC	11	3	4	4	13	15	13
Whitehorse	10	2	4	4	11	24	10
Cranbourne Comets JSC	11	1	3	7	11	40	6
Phillip Island JSC	10	1	2	7	10	31	5

MILO Girls S/E 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox City JSC	12	10	0	2	83	6	30
Boroondara Lions JFC	11	10	0	1	77	7	30
Dandenong City JSC	11	8	1	2	56	14	25
North Caulfield JSC	11	8	1	2	27	12	25
Seaford Utd	12	5	2	5	25	20	17
Boronia JSC	12	5	1	6	23	33	16
Richmond JSC	12	3	1	8	23	55	10
Croydon City Arrows JSC	12	2	2	8	8	30	8
Brighton JSC	11	2	0	9	4	82	6
Berwick Kings FC	12	1	0	11	11	78	3

MILO Girls S/E 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City JSC	9	9	0	0	63	3	27
Brighton JSC	9	7	0	2	31	12	21
Berwick City JSC	9	7	0	2	33	15	21
Richmond JSC	9	4	1	4	17	12	13
Doncaster Rovers JSC	10	4	1	5	18	24	13
Mornington SC	9	4	0	5	23	27	12
Whitehorse	9	0	1	8	10	39	1
Boronia JSC	10	0	1	9	1	64	1

MILO Girls S/E 14 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin SC	9	8	1	0	46	2	25
Brighton JSC	10	7	0	3	23	14	21
North Caulfield JSC	9	5	3	1	24	8	18
Glen Eira JSC	10	5	3	2	20	12	18
Ringwood City JSC	10	5	1	4	22	13	16
Mooroolbark JSC	9	2	2	5	14	33	8
Seaford Utd	9	1	0	8	5	48	3
Richmond JSC	10	0	0	10	2	26	0

MILO Girls S/E 14 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Diamond Valley Utd	10	8	2	0	27	1	26
Ashburton JWSC	11	7	2	2	31	10	23
Glen Waverley JSC	10	7	1	2	29	13	22
Endeavour Utd	10	6	3	1	25	7	21
Casey Panthers JSC	11	6	1	4	27	18	19
Sandringham City JSC	10	3	3	4	27	15	12
North Caulfield JSC	11	2	0	9	5	27	6
Eastern Lions	10	1	1	8	3	38	4
Boronia JSC	10	0	1	9	0	45	1
Kingston City JSC	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

MILO Girls S/E 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ashburton JWSC	10	8	1	1	25	2	25
North Caulfield JSC	10	8	0	2	41	5	24
Sandringham City JSC	11	7	2	2	34	8	23
Boroondara Lions JFC	11	6	2	3	24	17	20
Croydon City Arrows JSC	10	5	1	4	11	15	16
Brighton JSC	11	5	0	6	9	17	15
Berwick City JSC	9	2	1	6	7	20	7
Glen Eira JSC	11	1	2	8	8	29	5
Richmond JSC	11	0	1	10	1	47	1

MILO Girls S/E 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	11	10	1	0	36	1	31
Boronia JSC	11	8	1	2	24	9	25
Glen Waverley JSC	11	6	2	3	24	16	20
Glen Eira JSC	10	6	1	3	19	15	19
Melbourne Utd 1	10	3	2	5	10	15	11
Baxter Soccer Club	11	3	1	7	12	22	10
Brighton JSC	10	3	1	6	8	18	10
Melbourne United 2	11	2	0	9	5	27	6
Box Hill Inter JSC	9	0	3	6	2	17	3

MILO Girls S/E 12 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Caulfield Utd	10	8	2	0	24	3	26
Mornington SC	10	7	2	1	19	5	23
Port Melbourne JSC	11	6	3	2	9	5	21
Beaumaris SC	11	4	3	4	15	17	15
Sandringham City JSC	11	4	2	5	11	8	14
Knox City JSC	11	3	4	4	13	18	13
Carrum Utd	11	2	2	7	7	15	8
Baxter Soccer Club	10	1	3	6	3	19	6
North Caulfield JSC	9	0	3	6	6	17	3

MILO Girls S/E 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond JSC	10	6	3	1	22	6	21
Boroondara Lions JFC	9	7	0	2	20	6	21
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	9	5	3	1	14	6	18
Carrum Utd	9	3	1	5	7	11	10
Croydon City Arrows JSC	9	3	1	5	6	10	10
Ashburton JWSC	8	2	2	4	7	13	8
North Caulfield JSC	8	1	3	4	4	9	6
Brighton JSC	8	0	3	5	4	23	3

MILO Girls N/W 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona City JSC	12	12	0	0	64	4	36
Sunshine Georgies JSC	12	9	1	2	34	17	28
South Melbourne JFC	11	7	1	3	34	21	22
North City Lions JSC	12	6	0	6	28	29	18
Epping City SC	12	5	1	6	21	31	16
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	11	5	0	6	30	28	15
Bundoora JSC	12	4	2	6	24	18	14
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	11	3	1	7	15	25	10
Essendon Royals JSC	11	2	3	6	6	17	9
Sunbury Utd	12	0	1	11	2	68	1

MILO Girls N/W 16 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sandringham City JSC	10	10	0	0	63	1	30
Keilor Park JSC	11	10	0	1	44	11	30
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	6	2	3	17	12	20
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	10	5	1	4	17	17	16
Williamstown JSC	11	3	3	5	13	23	12
Albion Rovers JSC	10	3	2	5	26	33	11
Melton SC	11	3	2	6	12	42	11
Eltham North JSC	11	2	2	7	11	25	8
Brimbank JSC	11	0	0	11	7	46	0

MILO Girls N/W 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Brunswick Zebras JSC	11	9	1	1	38	6	28
Bundoora JSC	11	8	1	2	34	9	25
Epping City SC	11	6	3	2	49	18	21
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	11	6	2	3	22	14	20
Meadow Park JSC	10	4	2	4	16	8	14
Eltham North JSC	11	3	3	5	19	24	12
Keilor Park JSC	10	2	4	4	9	23	10
Brunswick City JSC	11	1	0	10	4	34	3
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	10	1	0	9	2	57	3

MILO Girls N/W 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	10	6	3	1	30	7	21
Diamond Valley Utd	9	6	3	0	16	2	21
Brunswick City JSC	9	6	2	1	28	2	20
Alphington	11	5	1	5	15	9	16
Brunswick Zebras JSC	10	3	0	7	11	21	9
Eltham North JSC	9	2	1	6	6	20	7
Essendon Royals A	8	0	0	8	1	46	0

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KRNCEVIC'S KRUNCHLINES

Greetings football fans and welcome to another dose of Krncevic's Krunshlines.

After digesting the World Cup it was amazing how many tactical errors coaches made during the tournament. Argentina's Jose Peckerman, who I admire as a coach and his way of thinking, in my eyes made a grave error of judgment, when he took off Riquelme and Crespo when his side was leading 1-0 against Germany. If it's not broke, don't fix it Jose! To me, it was most disappointing. Argentina was one of the standout teams who played themselves to the verge of recording a famous victory against the hosts, but in the end left the tournament in bitter spirits and empty handed.

Guus Hiddink showed, with his introduction of Harry Kewell against Uruguay and with Tim Cahill and John Aloisi against Japan, that when these calculated risks pay off they can pay off quite handsomely.

Of course, when things don't quite go according to plan, the consequences can be absolutely devastating. Kewell's equalizing goal against Croatia, luckily saved Guus' blushes, after Zelko Kalac's horrific earlier blunder almost cost Australia a place in the round of 16.

Kalac, of course, was chosen to play instead of regular 'keeper Mark Schwarzer.

One can certainly say that football is all about taking risks, especially from a coaching point of view. When you're involved at such a high level of competition and there's only a fine line between success and failure, the coach's tactical decisions and choice of substitutions can seriously determine the outcome of matches. It's as much a battle of wits, timing and a bit of luck as it is of skill.

KLINSMANN

One man who was certainly quite animated and theatrical during the finals was Germany's

Klinsmann sideline theatrics were detrimental for his team's performance

Juergen Klinsmann. Although his team played some attractive football on the way to finishing third, he really does have a lot to learn about decorum and conduct on the sidelines. In my opinion, Klinsmann showed a lot of immaturity and inexperience and can thank the huge home support for helping the Germans get as far as they did. It would have been interesting to see how far they would have progressed if the trophy wasn't contested on home soil. Klinsmann should take a leaf of Lippi, Peckerman and Scolari's book to understand how successful coaches go about their business.

TEAM SPIRIT

Apart from the obvious, the World Cup of 2006 saw another shift in gear in the game's modernization. Once again we witnessed a lot of team performances and not any one individual player sine to the fore and dominate the world stage. It was most surprising how Brazil's Ronaldinho failed to reproduce his form with Barcelona while the world waited with baited breath. It was hard to imagine, especially since he was surrounded by so many "superstars".

ZIDANE

Zinedine Zidane was one of the greatest footballers we had the privilege to see blossom in our lifetimes. He gave us so much pleasure with his skill and grace, but I cannot sympathize with the way he ended his spectacular career last Monday morning. Like it or not, sledging is very much apart of the modern game and apart from any racial slurs, players must learn to control themselves. A player of his stature and experience should have known much better. Outbursts like the one we witnessed are something you'd come to expect from a twenty year old like Wayne Rooney. In my opinion, he is as guilty as the player who wound him up and in a way, you could say that Materazzi won the World Cup for Italy.

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

My player of the tournament for this year's World Cup was Italy's Fabio Cannavaro. A superb player who skippered by example and one which managed to complete a tremendous campaign by hoisting the world's biggest football prize. It's obviously a great pity the Serie A has been surrounded in so much controversy, which will obviously take the shine off their celebrations. Apart from being very quick over 10 yards, Cannavaro was an absolute rock in the Italian backline. One of my lasting memories of the World Cup, was when he burst a German attack on goal with his bravery and turned defence into attack, setting up the Del Piero goal in the semi-final with only seconds left on the clock. Bravo Fabio!

Unti next time,

Eddie.

Fabio Cannavaro was the player of the tournament who had this trophy to show for it

Victorian soccer legend Eddie Krncevic represented Australia 35 times and scored 17 goals.
He played professionally in Europe for Dimano Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege , Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.
Eddie writes for Goal! Weekly every fortnight.

RISING STARS with David Bray

Dave Bray playing for Frankston Pines in the Vodafone Cup

When you come from a family where those before you include an NSL goalie and a grandfather with involvement in a European Cup winning team, to follow in their footsteps is no mean feat.

But this is just what Eastern Lions goalie Dave Bray is well on his way to doing. Bray, 18, has impressed many with his performances in front of the sticks for the Lions this season. But despite the fact he was forced to drop a couple of leagues in his transfer from Richmond to Eastern Lions, he is simply enjoying playing consistent senior football. "I actually think it's a big step up (playing in State League 2 South-East). It's a lot more physical than playing in any of the Under 21 teams, because you're actually playing against fully developed men." "Even though we are down near the bottom end of the ladder, it's been a good experience and all of the boys have been really good."

Bray says he has two figures which he looks to for motivation. "Peter Blasby, one of my goalkeeping coaches has been a really big influence on the way I play. (Secondly) Gordon Banks, just because he's the greatest ever goalie". Not that he need look any further than his own family if it's inspiration he's after.

On a potential move to his grandfather's old club Aston Villa thanks to the family connection, Bray says, "Maybe if I'm good enough. It's one of my dreams obviously. I'd love to play professionally one day." It appears as if a one-week trial at the Australian Institute of Sport has whet Dave's appetite for the big leagues. No wonder, when it's been revealed that he trained against Brondby-bound striker David Williams, and what's more wasn't shown up. "It was a great experience, training with all of the boys up there. Actually, I did quite well against him (Williams); I managed to save a few of his shots." However, the AIS did not keep him on, for reasons not disclosed. Bray hopes that it's due to the fact that at the time he was only 17, younger than most. He just makes certain he remembers the best piece of advice he has ever received, which is to "Always keep your eye on the ball," or as would be more appropriate in this situation, "on the prize". If he can remember this he may just receive a call from the AIS saying that he can have another trial.

And just for the record, in a penalty situation, Bray will put a system into action by judging how the player takes the run-up. "It all depends on how the player addresses the ball. If he takes

a long run-up, I'll dive to the right. But if he goes for the short run-up, then I'll dive to the left." When a goalie has a system to work out which way to dive, you've got be at least a little worried whilst taking a penalty. I certainly would be.

By Jeremy O'Neill

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BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Premier League

Western Port Wanderers came within a whisker from opening up a 10 point gap at top the top of the table, whilst Hampton Park United continued its poor form and has now allowed two new challengers to pick up the fight against Western Port.

Western Port could not have possibly started better against Bayswater Strikers as within two minutes the home team opened up a two goal lead. However Western Port squandered other chances to increase the lead and with the wind behind Bayswater in the second half, the Strikers fought back and scored to make it 2 – 1. Then within seconds of the final whistle a clear hand ball in the penalty box gift wrapped a goal for the Strikers to finish 2 – 2.

Hampton Park United has now only gained four points out of a possible 15 in the last five rounds as they drew away to Rosebud in a scoreless draw. They have a huge match next week at home to Boronia Knights.

Because of Hampton Park's bad run and Croydon Ranges sudden turn in form, the Ranges have now moved into second place thank to a blistering 4 - 5 win over Knox City Harlequins and also due to a very commanding goal difference.

Croydon has not been the only team to make an impact as Boronia Knights has also moved up the league ladder and is on equal points with Hampton and Croydon. Boronia had to overcome the tough challenge of the Peninsula Panthers and did so by winning 2 – 1.

The match between the two bottom teams resulted in an overwhelming victory for Mt Lilydale Old Collegians and they ran away winners 6 – 1 over the now last placed Pines Condors.

Premier Reserves

Croydon Ranges are still without a loss as they continue to stay on top with a resounding 6 – 1 victory over last season champions Knox City. But Boronia Colts are keeping the Ranges honest as they too gained a big win, thanks to a 6 – 1 result over Peninsula, which At the other end of the table Mt Lilydale celebrated its first win ever in the Premier Reserves as it crushed last placed Pine Condors 6 – 1. Equaling the seniors score line.

Division 1

Well, everything is going extremely well for top placed Langwarrin as they have an enormous 12 point gap at the top after another victory, this time over local rivals the Frankston Outlaws.

What makes this even better for Langwarrin is that the teams below them keep canceling out each other to create no clear challenger. The example of this was when second placed Brighton Old Boys and previously third placed Monash Peninsula had a 4 – 4 draw.

Baxter Eagles made the jump into third place with a good 4 – 2 win over Cuscatlan and Mornington also made an impression as they too won thanks to a 2 – 1 result over last placed Boronia Cavaliers.

Division 2

Parkmore wins again! Parkmore continues on its merry way with its 11th victory of the season thanks to a 2 – 4 away win over Inter Milanlgy.

The battle for second place is a fierce one as Chelsea Old Boys and Cranbourne Comets Gold are both equal on points with Chelsea having the far better goal difference.

Both teams gained big wins with Chelsea firing five passed last season Division 2 champions Montrose while Cranbourne Comets did nine against last season Premier team Endeavour Sporting. These two teams will meet next weekend in what should be a very exciting match.

Division 3

With only four rounds remaining, Phillip Island can win the league title next weekend after extending its lead to 11 points with a big 4 – 1 away win over Seaford United. A win over Croydon Ranges Old Boys will guarantee the club its first every league title in the Bayside League.

Frankston Pines gained another three points with a 2 – 1 win over Montrose B. Rosebud Dinosaurs and Croydon Old Boys finished with a 1 – 1 draw. The first point for Croydon since round 6, which also was a draw against Rosebud.

Womens Premier

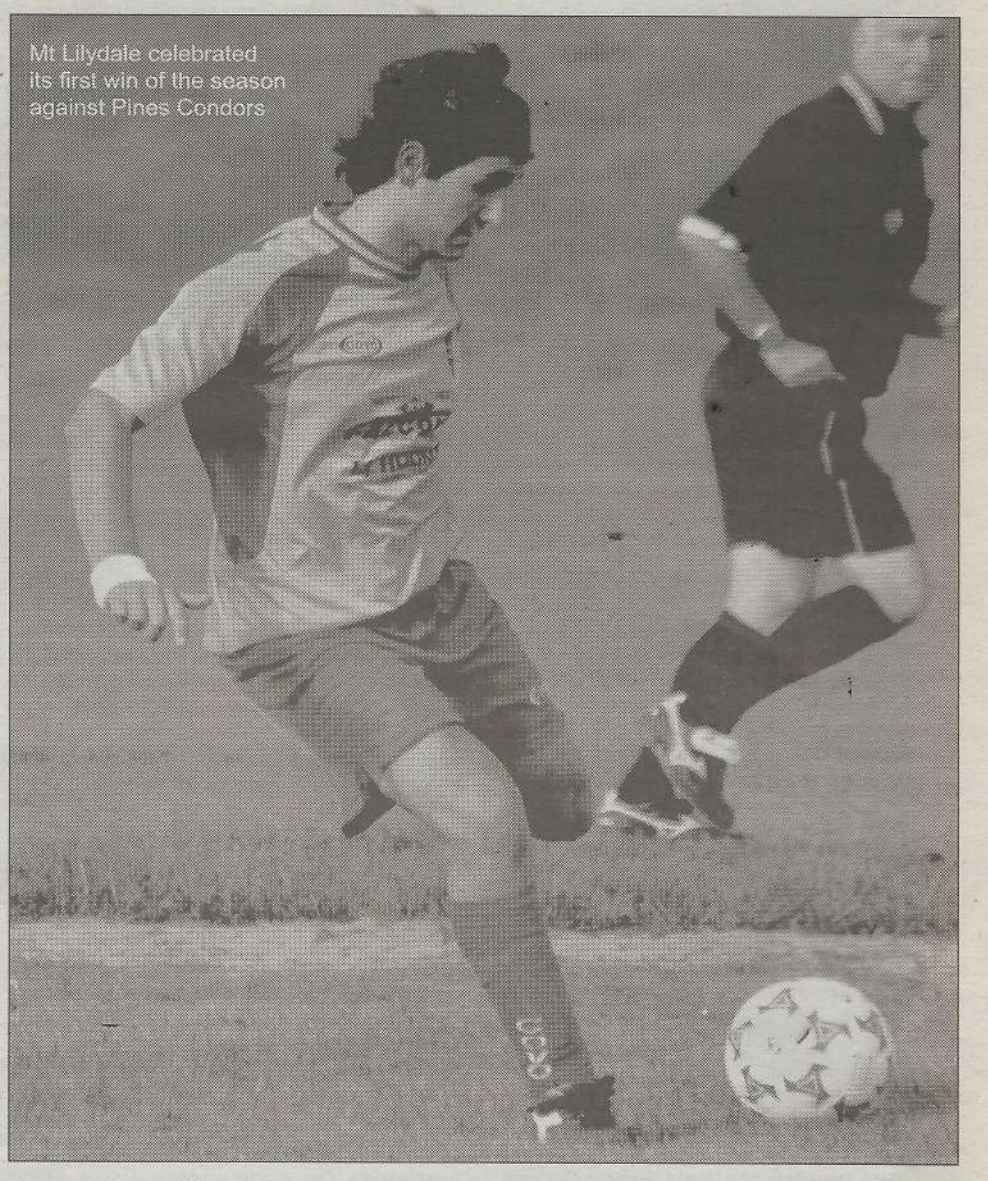
No surprises in the latest round of the Women's Premier League with two solid results going the way of the top two teams.

But if anything was surprising is that the Frankston Fillies not only scored but they did so against Hampton Park United. Up to that stage only one goal had got passed the Hampton keeper all season but still that did not alter the fact that Hampton Park United won 6 – 1 to remain on top and with a nice eight point lead.

In the other match Cuscatlan continue to impress in their first ever year together as they brushed aside Rosebud by nine goals. That marks Cuscatlan highest ever score to date and they remain in second place with a four point gap to the Frankston Pines.

Frankston Pines had the weekend off due to the bye.

By Steve Gray



Mt Lilydale celebrated its first win of the season against Pines Condors

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Western Port	11	8	2	1	29	11	26
Croydon Ranges	11	6	1	4	28	19	19
Boronia Knights	11	5	4	2	13	9	19
Hampton Park	11	6	1	4	26	27	19
Knox City	11	5	0	6	17	24	15
Rosebud	11	4	2	5	16	18	14
Bayswater	11	3	3	5	24	19	12
Peninsula	11	4	0	7	20	26	12
Mt Lylidale	11	3	3	5	16	22	12
Pines Condors	11	3	0	8	22	36	9

Women's

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hampton Park	9	8	1	0	53	2	25
Cuscatlan	9	5	2	2	28	21	17
Frankston Pines	9	4	1	4	16	20	13
Rosebud	4	0	1	3	1	25	1
Frankston Fillies	9	0	1	8	6	36	1

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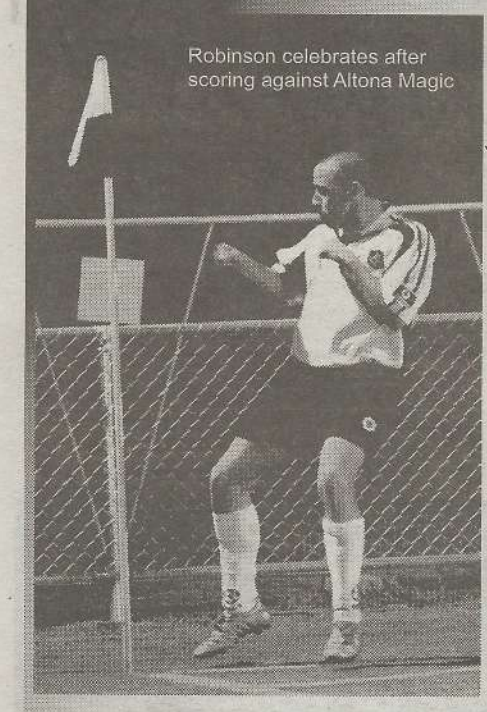
Robinson celebrates after scoring against Altona Magic

Name: James Robinson
Club: Richmond Eagles SC
Position: Forward
Age: 23
Height: 1m 78cm
Weight: 73 Kg
Nickname: Squeak or Robbo
Previous clubs: Crewe Alexandra (England), IBV (Iceland), Altrincham (England).

Representative honours?
School honours, that's it!

Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the Vodafone Cup?
South Melboiurne's Fernando De Moraes!! Opa!! Opa!!

In the world?
Stevie G

Hardest keeper and team to score against? I would have to say Michael Turnbull who was at Kingston City.

Occupation? Footballer

Craziest team mate of all time?
That would be Paul Edwards when I was at Crewe.

Most influential coach of all time?
Steve Holland and Dario Gradi from Crewe.

Most memorable match as a player?
Scoring my first senior goal against Ipswich Town in a 6-4 thriller.

As a fan?
Everton 3 Wimbledon 2 (1994). Barry Horne scored a peach of a goal after being 2-0 down to keep "The Toffemen" in the Premier League.

Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?
I thinkI was in bed backin the UKdreaming of scoring the winner in the World Cup Final or was it Carmen Electra!!

And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?
Back home, still in the UK.

Most memorable goal you've scored?
I've got a soft spot for every one that hits the back of the net.

Worst injury:
Broken toe, which put an end to my flip flop modelling.

Funniest moment in football?
Just before i made my senior debut I was on the bench for Crewe. I was warming up and the gaffer shouts me (well, at least I thought he did!) . I started jogging towards the halfway line and took my jumper off. As I got near him, he shouts to on of the other subs. Biggest custard pie ever! It was right in front of all the lads. I still can't live it down.

Record number of juggles in single attempt?
With women or a football??!!

Steak, chicken parma or seafood?
chicken parma

Chips, veggies or salad?
Veggies

Pizza or souvlaki?
Pizza

Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?
I prefer water, but I dont mind an occassional glass of red wine.

Favourite nightspot?
Blanco's Bar

Favourite holiday destination?
Magaluf, with the lads.

Kitchen whiz or home handyman?
Kitchen whiz

What's in the CD player right now?
Bob Marley's greatest hits

Dream date?
At the minute it's Jessica Alba.

First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?
It's a tie between the wee man Graham Hockless and big Stu McCluskey. Both bring different things to the table, but Stu's riveting conversations about protein take it.

On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...
That goes to the youngster, Nick Crossley. He thinks his pockets are stitched up, saying he can go on a night out in Adelaide for $10.

Match day superstitions or rituals?
Always last in the line out of the dressing room.

Typical matchday meal?
Egg and Beans on toast with some chicken noodles on side.

Favorite sporting team when growing up?
Everton

What are your strengths?
I would like to think putting the ball in the back of the net, but some would dis agree.

What are your weaknesses?
Cute blondes!!

Ten pin bowling or skydiving?
Don't get called "Ish" from "Kingpin" for nothin!

Toughest opponent?
Myself

Select a player that you play most like?
Would love to think Dennis Bergkamp!!

Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?
I play pro Evo. It's Barcelona when it comes down to the crunch!!

What is the last soccer shirt you bought?
The new Everton one!!

Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?
Ain't heard any.

Childhood soccer idol?
Marco Van Basten

Favorite former Socceroo?
Eddie Krncevic

Favourite former England international?
The legend that is Alan Shearer.

Favourite Current Socceroo?
Everton's Tim Cahill

Favourite current England international player?
Stevie G

What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?
Old cliche, but it has to be Rocky.

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Do you watch Footballers Wives?
I have a little glimpse when they turn up to the games

Best away ground you like to visit?
Epping stadium

If I didn't play football I'd play...
Away.

What fictional character would you most like to be; why?
James Bond because he's cool, calm, collected and always gets the job done.

Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?
Johnny Depp.

Any other bits of James Robinson trivia you want us to reveal?
I think that's enough!

Thanks for your time James and best of luck with the rest of the season.

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